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FAREWELL TO SANDY

Lord Bruce-Lockhart, county champion, loses cancer fight

THE death of former Kent County Council leader Lord Sandy Bruce-Lockhart has brought a flood of tributes from county and national figures of all political hues that reveal the remarkable depth of respect inspired by this urbane champion of Kent and its people.

Conservative Party leader David Cameron and former Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott were among many to pay tribute to the 66-year-old, who died on Thursday after a near year-long battle with cancer.

Aside from his highly successful tenure as leader of KCC, Lord Bruce-Lockhart also once served as chairman of the Local Government Association and fulfilled the same role for English Heritage at the time of his death.

Mr Cameron described him as a "visionary leader" who put forward powerful arguments about empowering local government.

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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He added: "Sandy made a huge contribution to public life and will be sadly missed."

The son of a Scottish former MI6 deputy director, Alexander John Bruce-Lockhart was born in Wakefield, West Yorkshire, on May 4, 1942.

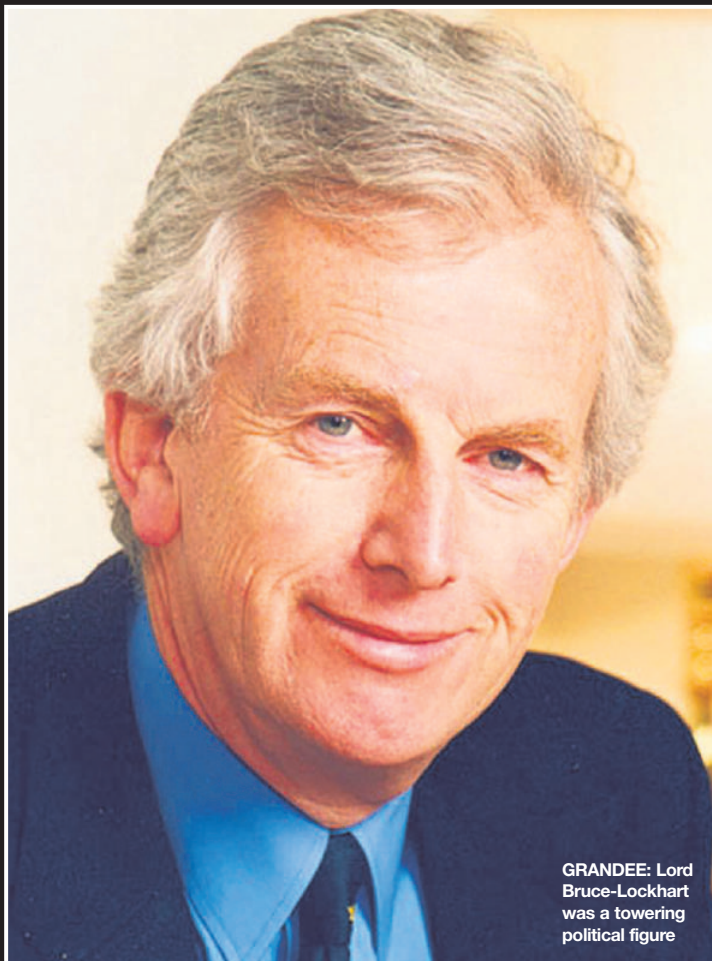
He was educated at Sedburgh School in Cumbria and the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, before leaving the UK to manage a South African-owned farm in Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe.

After a spell at another farm in Australia, Lord Bruce-Lockhart returned to his home country and moved to Kent in 1968.

It was here he would spend the rest of his life with wife Tess and children Mark, Natasha and Simon, on the family's 300-acre fruit farm in Headcorn, near Maidstone.

It was not until 1989 though that Lord Bruce-Lockhart entered politics, when his

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GRANDEE: Lord Bruce-Lockhart was a towering political figure

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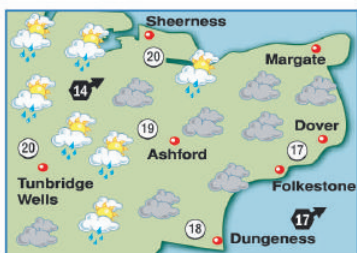
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Kent today



TODAY: Dawn cloud and rain will clear east to leave it bright with sunny spells. Showers will move east late afternoon. More persistent evening rain. Moderate south-westerly winds. Max temp 17-20C (63-68F).

TONIGHT: Cloudy and wet with outbreaks of light rain. Brisk south-westerly winds. Min temp 12-15C (54-59F).

Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	rain	16	61	London	drizzle	19	66
Belfast	rain	19	66	Liverpool	cloudy	20	68
Birmingham	cloudy	16	61	Manchester	rain	18	64
B'mouth	cloudy	19	66	Newcastle	showers	17	63
Bristol	rain	17	63	Norwich	rain	21	70
Cardiff	rain	18	64	Oxford	rain	19	66
Cork	rain	15	59	Southsea	rain	18	64
Edinburgh	showers	17	63	Sh'mpton	drizzle	19	66
Glasgow	cloudy	18	64	Southport	sun	-	-
Isle of Man	rain	16	61	Swansea	rain	18	64
Leeds	rain	16	61	Torquay	rain	17	63

Sun & moon

Sunrise	5.44am	Sunset	6.14pm	Lighting up times:
Moonrise	8.23pm	Moonsset	6.15am	8.14pm to 5.45am

High Tides

	today	tomorrow
	ht (m)	ht (m)
Dover	00.00 6.3 12.18 6.5	00.32 6.4 12.52 6.7
Margate	01.12 4.5 13.12 4.6	01.45 4.6 13.43 4.7
St Mary's	05.53 5.2 18.09 5.5	06.27 5.4 18.43 5.7

Week ahead

monday Rain, Windy. max 21C min 13C	thursday Showers. max 21C min 12C
tuesday Showers. max 21C min 11C	friday Showers. max 21C min 12C
wednesday Light showers. max 21C min 12C	saturday Bright, Windy. max 21C min 12C

SPECIAL REPORT

Jamie McGinnes comes under

Kent regiments take on Taliban



By **JAMIE MCGINNES**

with the British Army
in Helmand Province

HUNDREDS of soldiers have been involved in a large operation to root out the Taliban near the key town of Musa Qala.

Troops from the Canterbury-based Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (5 Scots) and The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (PWRR), Kent's county regiment, were among 800 soldiers to take part in the fighting, which began on Thursday and was still continuing yesterday.

Major Ben Baker, 35, from 2PWRR, is in charge of Forward Operating Base Edinburgh, a desert fort seven kilometres away from Musa Qala.

Speaking on Friday, he said pushes to the north and south of the town were proving successful.

"It appears to be having quite a lot of success with Taliban killed and injured, people captured and equipment recovered," he told Kent on Sunday.

Maj Baker said the aim was to disrupt the insurgency. "It is a deliberate operation to ensure the Taliban are put on the back foot. Whenever we face them head-on we win," he said.

Local reports suggested on Thursday that at least 13 Taliban fighters were killed and a similar number injured. Suicide vests, as well as ammunition and bomb-making equipment, were seized after compounds were searched.

About 300 troops from the Afghan National Army (ANA) spearheaded the advance to the south, supported by D Company of 5 Scots, which is based at Musa Qala, the 2nd Battalion PWRR, a few reservists from 3PWRR, and men from the Royal Irish Regiment.

Mastiff armoured vehicles from 2 Scots were also on hand. Insurgents attacked with rifles,



ALL GUNS BLAZING: A British mortar team fires on the enemy, who were also targeted by GMLRS missiles during the fighting, inset



machine-guns and RPGs (rocket-propelled grenades).

The garrison at Roshan Tower, a strategically crucial outpost overlooking the Musa Qala Wadi, helped guide in artillery fire and air strikes. Members of 2PWRR and a mortar section from 5 Scots are there.

Paratroopers from 3 Para, along with Royal Engineers, made slow progress through booby-trapped Afghan compounds to the north. Bayonets were fixed as soldiers advanced through fields of shoulder-high crops.

Roshan Tower has been subjected to almost daily mortar fire and it was no different on Thursday. However, Maj Baker, who is from Hampshire, said that because of the operation there were fewer bombs and they were far less accurate than usual.

Work to build new defensive walls around the outpost on Wednesday was stalled due to

Taliban mortar fire, which damaged a digger.

"Significantly for us, the attacks on Roshan Tower seem to have - if not stopped completely - become a lot less effective, giving us time to build up our defences," said Maj Baker.

Apache helicopters attacked enemy positions, while F-16 jets were called in for air strikes. Artillery at FOB Edinburgh and FOB Robinson, near Sangin, was also used, including the devastating Guided Missile Launch Rocket System (GMLRS).

Maj Baker said: "It has been relatively intense, with the whole of the battle group, north and south, and Roshan Tower in contact at the same time."

He said similar operations would "definitely" be carried out in the future. By Friday, no British casualties had been reported.

Musa Qala was recaptured from the Taliban in December with the help of Maidstone-based 36 Engineer Regiment.

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fire alongside British troops battling to contain Taliban insurgents in Afghanistan

Welcomed by a bullet from sniper's rifle

WITHIN 20 minutes of arriving at Roshan Tower, a Taliban sniper attempted to kill me, *writes Jamie McGinnes.*

A loud crack broke the air as a bullet pinged just a metre over my head. It was a fitting welcome to what is currently one of the most heavily-attacked British positions in Helmand Province.

The key outpost, which overlooks the Musa Qala Wadi, has seen a big upsurge in attacks in recent weeks.

The tower has a small garrison of men, including members of the 2nd Battalion The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (2PWRR), Kent's county regiment, and a mortar section from the Canterbury-based Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (5 Scots).

It has a commanding view of a vast swathe of countryside around the wadi and the strategically important town of Musa Qala which was recaptured from the Taliban in December.

The worrying accuracy of mortar bombs landing on the base, which is the size of a couple of tennis courts, has raised fears that an experienced enemy commander has been brought into the area.

Several mortar bombs fell within the compound during attacks on Wednesday. The worst day, last Saturday, saw dozens land on target, all fired from at least a few kilometres

away. As the valley has become greener, the amount of cover available to insurgents among trees and long grass has increased. The Taliban have been mounting almost daily attacks with mortars, sniper rifles and machine guns.

More than 150 mortar bombs are thought to have hit the base since June. Somehow, only one soldier, Lance-Corporal Carvas Garraway, 31, from 2PWRR, has been slightly injured by shrapnel in his leg. The troops admit they

'Troops sheltered as mortars scored dozens of direct hits on our outpost'

have enjoyed more than their fair share of luck.

The increasing threat to the base meant that Royal Engineers were part of a convoy sent there this week in order to strengthen its defences.

After setting off from Forward Operating Base Edinburgh at first light, the troops reached Roshan Tower, about six kilometres away, at about 8.25am Afghan time on



Picture: CAPT STEVE RAE

UNDER COVER: Jamie McGinnes (right) and British soldiers shelter from Taliban mortar shells at Roshan Tower, one of the most heavily-attacked positions in Helmand Province

Wednesday (4.55am in the UK).

Twenty minutes later, my tour of the outpost by its platoon commander, Lieutenant Dave Thomas, 23, from Meopham, was cut short when the first shots of the day rang out. Lt Thomas told me later that the shot had passed about a metre above our heads. The sniper may have mistaken me for a dignitary because of my civilian clothes, he said.

British soldiers responded with machine-gun fire in the direction of the sniper and there was then a lull. However, in the mid-afternoon, the Taliban again attacked with small arms fire, followed by a display of accurate mortaring.

Most troops sheltered as Taliban mortar teams scored dozens of direct hits on the outpost and the enemy trained more small arms fire on its defenders. Now used to the attacks, they read newspapers, played games consoles and even slept, not at all concerned by the mayhem outside.

The insurgents were given a dose of their own medicine from 5 Scots' mortar section, as well as machine-gun and sniper-rifle fire, and

two deadly Javelin missiles. Mastiff armoured vehicles in the wadi from 2 Scots also attacked.

Apache gunships were called in during the afternoon to fire on a compound on the other side of the wadi held by the enemy.

American and Dutch F-16 fighters were on standby to carry out an airstrike, but were called off after a civilian woman was seen in the target area.

The attacks stopped in the evening. No-one at Roshan Tower was injured, but it is understood that several Taliban fighters were killed. The Taliban succeeded in holding up the engineers' defensive work and managed to damage their JCB digger with mortar shrapnel.

From Sunday to Tuesday this week, Roshan Tower's defenders fired more than 2,200 rounds from their rifles, machine-guns and mortars. That was over the course of about three hours.

Private 'Roko', a Fijian serving with 2PWRR, was airlifted from the base last Sunday after being bitten by a scorpion. He is said to be recovering well.

Respect for an enemy that will not prevail

FOR Corporal Spencer Pinch the almost incessant mortar fire on Roshan Tower has been scary at times, but mostly annoying.

A mortar bomb landed on the 33-year-old's bed space, destroying paintings his two-year-old son and nine-year-old daughter had sent him, and a picture of his little boy.

"The most annoying thing was it took out my little boy's picture, so I got pretty upset," said Cpl Pinch, from Faversham.

On Wednesday, he and other soldiers manning a machine-gun position had to abandon it briefly after a mortar landed just metres away.

The former Ashford Town right-back and Gills youth player had a brief respite from life on the front when he was pulled out to play in an England-Scotland football match at Forward Operating Base Edinburgh, which England won on penalties.

Major Ben Baker, who is in charge of Forward Operating Base Edinburgh, believes the accuracy of attacks on Roshan Tower points to the presence of an experienced mortar fire controller.

"We think they're good. No-one's under any illusion that the Taliban are of variable quality. They're experienced fighters and that's why we've had to be as good as we have to beat



BATTLING ON: Our soldiers are getting on with the job at Roshan Tower

them." Lieutenant Dave Thomas, 23, from Meopham, its platoon commander, said he was concerned about the mortar fire. Their fire's definitely accurate enough to worry us."

Lieut Thomas said there had been hardly any injuries because of the soldiers' training. But he added: "We've been lucky as well."

If the Taliban are trying to capture Roshan Tower, the former Gravesend Grammar School for Boys pupil said: "They've got no chance whatsoever."

Lance-Corporal Iain Trench, 24, from 5 Scots' mortar section, said of the enemy mortar teams: "They're just as good as us. They're very good."

Private Peter Jayawardena, 25, a light machine-gunner from Canterbury, said: "They're obviously very skilled and have the right people training them and helping them."

But he said: "We don't really think about it – we just get on with it."

Privates Antony Colby, from Orpington, Ben Heynen, from Folkestone, Charlie Angell, from Bexley, and Will Vecera, from Chatham – all aged just 18 – were also among 2PWRR troops to experience attacks at Roshan Tower.

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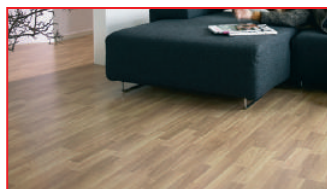
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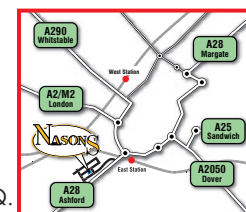
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Lord Sandy Bruce-Lockhart, May 4, 1942 – August 14, 2008

He called himself 'the ultimate fan of Kent'

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interest was prompted by a desire to preserve rural Kent during discussions about the Channel Tunnel rail link route.

He later told friends: "Without wanting to sound too grand about it, I felt I wanted to make some kind of contribution to society."

Elected chairman of a rail committee in the Weald of Kent Preservation Society, Lord Bruce-Lockhart eventually moved on to become county councillor for Maidstone Rural East.

He then worked his way up to become leader of the then-opposition Tory group in 1993, before becoming leader of KCC in 1997, a role he retained until deciding to step down in 2005.

During this time he was described as the "second most powerful Tory in the country" after the party leader, and after Prime Minister John Major's defeat in 1997 he held the highest position of any elected Conservative.

Such was his success at turning the council from a failing one into one of the best-performing in the country, Mr Bruce-Lockhart became Sir Sandy when he was knighted in the December, 2002, New Year's Honours list.

While still leader of KCC, he also became chairman of the Local Government Association in 2004.

Honours continued to be bestowed on Lord Bruce-Lockhart when he was elevated to the



FAMILY MAN: Sandy Bruce-Lockhart, who described himself as "the ultimate Kent fan" with family members and grandchildren at the family farm at Headcorn

peerage in 2006 as Baron Bruce-Lockhart of the Weald in the county of Kent. Despite being diagnosed with cancer in late 2007, he continued in his role as chairman of English Heritage, which he had taken up earlier that year. In June this year he was made an honorary freeman of Canterbury.

Lord Bruce-Lockhart always fought Kent's corner and never forgot his county. He was a long-standing president of Maidstone Conservative Association and was involved in the search for a replacement for former min-

ister Ann Widdecombe, who is standing down as the area's MP at the next election. Lord Bruce-Lockhart also worked closely with John Prescott during the development of the Thames Gateway project.

On stepping down as KCC leader in 2005, he said: "Kent is a unique and wonderful county, full of special places and special people."

He described himself as "the ultimate Kent fan", adding: "There is absolutely nowhere else like Kent – nowhere in the world."

Life and times

- May 4, 1942 – Born in Wakefield, West Yorkshire
- 1968 – Moves to Kent after managing farms in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) and Australia
- 1989 – Elected county councillor for Maidstone Rural East after chairing a rail committee opposing the route of the proposed Channel Tunnel rail link
- 1993 – Made leader of the then-opposition Conservative group on Kent County Council
- 1997 – Becomes leader of KCC
- December 2002 – Knighted in the New Year's Honours list for his exceptional work in local government
- 2004 – Elected chairman of the Local Government Association
- 2005 – Steps down as KCC leader and is replaced by Cllr Paul Carter
- April 2006 – Elevated to the peerage
- May 2007 Elected chairman of English Heritage
- September 2007 – Diagnosed with cancer
- August 14, 2008 – Dies aged 66

'Sandy was a force for good in all he did'

FRIENDS and colleagues of Lord Sandy Bruce-Lockhart have paid tribute to a man who was "a force for good in all he did".

News of his death on Thursday was greeted with sadness by fellow Conservative Party members, political opponents and members of the public alike.

KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter, who took up the post when Lord Bruce-Lockhart stepped down in 2005 after eight years' service, was one of the first to pay tribute.

He said: "Sandy will be enormously missed in Kent and across the country. He was the leading architect of the transformation and improvement in local government in recent years."

"Driven by a love and passion for the people and the county of Kent, Sandy proved that beneath his urbane charm and courtesy laid his conviction and determination to deliver what he believed was right."

"His knighthood and peerage were just rewards for the contribution he made. In all he did he was a force for good and we will all miss his wise advice and friendship."

For the last year of Lord Bruce-Lockhart's life he was chairman of English Heritage, making a great contribution to the group's work throughout the country.

English Heritage chief executive Simon Thurley said: "Sandy had a love of Kent's rich heritage and a particular affection for Canterbury Cathedral. His gentle wisdom and insight, his knowledge and his standing in the House of Lords will be a great loss."

"His family and friends have lost a much-loved, courageous man. The nation has lost a heritage crusader and English Heritage has lost a respected leader."

Despite being a prominent Conservative Party member, Lord Bruce-Lockhart earned the respect of political opponents.

Former Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott, who worked alongside him during

the development of the Thames Gateway project, said: "Sandy was a man I respected and a man who made a considerable contribution to political life."

Cllr Mike Eddy, shadow leader of KCC, said: "Sandy was a skilled politician with the interests of Kent at heart. It was a privilege to have crossed swords with him."

"He was invariably courteous, prepared to listen – even if he didn't agree with you – and would always take on board good ideas, even from political opponents."

Lord Bruce-Lockhart's work in making KCC one of the best performing councils earned him respect throughout the country.

Tory leader David Cameron extended his sympathies to Lord Bruce-Lockhart's widow Tess, and their children, Mark, Natasha and Simon.

He said: "Sandy was a visionary leader who put forward powerful arguments about empowering local government. He made a huge contribution to public life and will be sadly missed."

Mid Kent and Faversham MP Hugh Robertson said: "Sandy was both a friend and a constituent. He was an outstanding leader and a great servant of Kent. He will be hugely missed. We all owe him a tremendous amount."

When news of Lord Bruce-Lockhart's death broke on Thursday morning, tributes were posted by visitors to KOS Media's website, www.kentnews.co.uk.

Ben Matthews, from Maidstone, wrote: "I am shocked and saddened to hear Sandy Bruce-Lockhart has died. He always struck me as fair and honest, which is rare for politicians, and fought incredibly hard for our county."

Mrs K Gower, from Canterbury, added: "I am devastated. I was lucky enough to meet Sandy on a number of occasions and he was always a real gentleman. He will be greatly missed."

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Police defend actions against protestors attending the Kingsnorth climate camp

Accusations of 'serious harassment' at protest

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AN INDEPENDENT witness to the climate camp in Kent has accused the county's constabulary of harassment and acting like a paramilitary force.

But one of Kent Police's chief officers has defended the operation at the site near Kingsnorth power plant and expressed thanks we live in a "democratic and free country" where peaceful protest is supported by the authorities.

Huw Powell, a freelance photographer, went to check on his boat, which is moored at Hoo marina and decided to visit the camp, where around 1,500 eco-activists were protesting over plans for a new coal-fired power station on the peninsula.

But unable to find the camp after driving around the power station itself, Mr Powell and his partner, Ioana, decided to head home to west London along the A2.

"Within half a mile we had picked up a police escort," he told Kent on Sunday.

"Ioana was driving at a steady 50mph along the otherwise deserted dual carriageway, with the police car really tailgating, and as we reached the Hoo turn off they pulled us over."

The couple then saw the camp and described it as "swarming with police", saying a helicopter was whirring overhead, riot police were everywhere and there were more police vans than would be seen at a major football match of more than 40,000 people.

"We were subjected to almost an hour of checks and more checks over vehicle registration, insurance, etc. The whole situation was one of personal intimidation and threat by up to three officers."

"Of course, we were finally allowed to leave, but the obvious intention was to frighten us away. We did just go," he said.

Mr Powell said the manner of policing at the camp was a worrying development for the whole country.

"What I saw, in a brief glimpse, was serious police harassment. They were acting as a paramilitary force, in huge numbers, to contain what must have been 1,500 people.



"Good god," he exclaimed, "with the numbers they had there they could have put a ring of steel three-deep around Kingsnorth itself. Why were they on the direct offensive towards the protestors?"

"Who or what has established the ability of the police to be acting in this manner?"

As an experienced photo-journalist and seasoned traveller, Mr Powell said he had travelled to Romania most years since 1989.

He told how he had seen a secret police officer order a young soldier to drive a 10-tonne truck over an old man sitting in the road during a protest in Bucharest and was harassed by police numerous times because he carried a press card.

"I was left with a feeling that the English police were acting in the manner I have encountered in Eastern Europe – as in above the law. They have been given a political agenda to carry out, they have been supplied with all the tools they need, both materials



BATTLE ZONE: Police recovered weapons from some protestors during the operation at Kingsnorth

and legal framework and they were enjoying using them," he added.

Assistant Chief Constable Gary Beauridge, defended the policing approach to the camp which involved up to 1,400 officers at the site daily, riot police, mounted officers, marine and air support.

Minority

The police response, which reports say could cost up to £7 million, has been criticised as heavy-handed, provocative, aggressive and disproportionate, by a cross-party group of MPs as well as the Green Party's MEP for the South East Caroline Lucas.

"I would refute those allegations totally. What you saw was evidence of officers who acted with great restraint, great professionalism, who were properly briefed and well lead.

"It was complex operation that we had to police with a good many challenges over the course of the 10 days.

"Our overriding concern was to ensure the safety of everybody. During the course of the camp we recovered knives and other implements such as axes and chains which could have been used as weapons."

"Whenever force was used those who would have been subject to it were warned about it."

"Officers had coins and forks chucked at them and were faced with physical challenges all by a very small minority of people at the camp committed to using unlawful means to make their point," he said.

ACC Beauridge said the overwhelming majority of the protestors were peaceful, law abiding and committed to lawful protest.

He said: "Thank heavens we live in a democratic and free country where people can put forward legitimate concerns."

ACC Beauridge responded to claims that police had used intimidation tactics such as searching everyone at the camp and carrying out raids to confiscate equipment such as tents, groundsheets and mobile phones in an attempt to disrupt peaceful protest and provoke a reaction from the campaigners.

"That was absolutely not the case," he said. "The powers to stop and search everybody were not in place from the outset."

"We gave it very careful consideration, it is a wider use of intensive powers and came after other searches found people carrying knives, and other weapons."

"We did it to ensure the safety of the residents and law-abiding protestors."

Defending the use of riot police, he said the organisers were warned throughout the consultation process not to block exits and entrances to the camp.

He was unable to reveal the exact cost of the operation but said it would run into "several millions".

The force will be asking for a full rebate from the Home Office, he said.

Kent Police said all individual complaints made would be investigated and if any officers were found to have acted inappropriately it would be addressed.

Officers arrested 100 people during the protest, which resulted in 46 charges, 22 cautions, three bind overs and one breach of bail.

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Increase in drinking offences

A RISE in the number of penalty notices issued by police for drink-related offences has been blamed on the introduction of 24-hour licences.

Figures released to KOS Media show officers in Kent dished out 2,370 notices in 2007-08 compared to just 854 in 2004-05 – the financial year before the change came into effect.

The numbers appear to prove Kent's Chief Constable Mike Fuller was right to warn against the introduction of the Licensing Act, which he did in this paper in January, 2005.

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

In a follow-up interview in April, 2006, Mr Fuller said: "I think the Government and the health authorities are going to have a very difficult task in changing the culture that exists at the moment where young people go out and get totally drunk."

"Now they have a longer period in which to do that and our policing of the night-time economy has had to expand as a result."

In terms of drink-related offences, the majority of penalty notices issued by officers are for drunk and disorderly behaviour.

They handed out 788 in 2004-05

but this figure shot up to 1,586 after 24-hour drinking was introduced.

In 2006-07 the number rose again to 1,908 and in 2007-08 it increased to 2,181.

The current figure for this year, which covers penalty notices issued between April and July, is 665.

Successful

Other offences include drinking in a designated public area, being drunk on a highway and buying alcohol for a minor.

Kent's Assistant Chief Constable Gary Beautridge said the figures showed the force had a "zero-tolerance" approach to drink-related disorder.

He added: "There has been a lot of hard work by our officers and area-policing teams, linked in closely with work done by district councils and the licensing trade, which has been successful in tackling alcohol-related crime."

"Our message is clear – go out, have a good time and enjoy yourself safely. However if you are intent on causing trouble, be sure that you will be penalised with at least a fine and possibly a custodial sentence."

"Not only do we crack down

firmly on those who get drunk and cause misery to others, but we will also deal firmly with licensees and traders who sell alcohol to under-18s or those who are already drunk."

Penalty notices were introduced in 2003 to deal quickly with low-level, anti-social crime.

They carry a fine of £50 or £80, depending on the seriousness of the offence.

Including offences that are not drink-related, police in Kent issued 7,791 in 2007-08 compared to just 1,457 in 2004-05.

Animal park welcomes new furry faces to the fold

HOWLETT'S Wild Animal Park is celebrating the birth of four baby clouded leopard cubs, writes *Lexy Payne*.

Visitors to Howletts, near Bokesbourne, can see the cubs and their parents most days, as they roam around and play.

The four unnamed cubs were born to pairs Nhi-Ha and Nanyo, and Ben and Mandalay.

Both fathers were born at Howletts, while the mothers were brought in as part of a special breeding programme carried out by the Aspinall Foundation in aid of endangered species.

Clouded leopards, originally from South East Asia, were brought into Howletts in the late 1960s, due to the threat to their natural habitat from deforestation and hunting. The first successful birth was a decade later.



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Students set A-level record

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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A-LEVEL results in Kent are the best in six years with more than 7,000 students achieving a 93 per cent pass rate.

Kent County Council said the performance reflected the national picture, which showed a record-breaking overall pass rate of 97 per cent,

and that schools in the county have maintained a seven-year upward trend in the exam results. Steven Moore, head of humanities and science at Canterbury College and in charge of running A-level exams, said schools and colleges should be aiming for a 100 per cent achievement of A-E grades.

Asked whether the trend for results continuing to improve would end, he said: "What has happened is basically that we have got better with the choice we are offering students and we have got better at inclusive learning."

"We are using as many teaching techniques as possible so no-one is excluded from learning. "There is obviously going to be a plateau. To be honest, what should be realistic and achievable is 100 per cent pass rates and the reason why is because we have to think about the point where we only enrol students on courses we know they are capable of."

Canterbury College had an overall pass rate of 92 per cent and students achieved 100 per cent A-E grades in 18 of the 21 subjects the college offers including biology, business studies and English literature.

Mr Moore said "I would not say every student should be getting A grades, then something would be wrong."

"But 100 per cent achievement should be attainable. If not, then it means we have not enrolled the right students, or we have not given them the right advice or guidance, or something has gone wrong."

As A-level results continue to improve year on year there were the usual complaints after this year's grades were published on Thursday, that the exams have got easier and that teach-

STUDENTS at Ashford's South Kent College are celebrating an A-level pass rate of 92 per cent – but for one girl success has come with crushing disappointment.

Gurkha soldier's daughter Manisha Sherchan, 18, from Ashford, moved to England from Nepal two years ago.

And despite getting an A in government and politics, a B in sociology and a C in law, she can't afford to go on to university.

As a foreign national, she would have to pay nearly £10,000 for each year of the three year university course.

Manisha, whose father, Khim, served in the elite regiment for 19 years, said: "My family is pleased for me and I am really pleased with my results but it is somewhat spoiled by knowing that I can't go to university."

She gained the right grades to study law at the University of Kent in Canterbury. Now she is considering studying for an AS level in history at South Kent College.

Her sociology tutor, Tania Johnson, said:



BAD RESULT: Tutor Tania Johnson with a disappointed Manisha Sherchan

"Manisha is so talented, hardworking, motivated and committed to succeed, and she has been so disappointed. It seems so unfair that someone who has worked so hard can't go to university."

ers are 'spoon-feeding' students to succeed.

Mr Moore argued the exams were not getting easier but that since they were restructured in 2000 it has made them more accessible to students with different strengths and abilities.

A-levels were 'modularised', meaning students sit exams and hand in coursework over two years, which contributes to their results.

"That has helped a lot to support them to improve grades without making it easier. There is a lot of focus to constantly improve the way we teach and the way we work with students. "There is also a much wider choice than there used to be."

Talk of the exams getting easier is "insulting" to the 600,000 pupils around the country who have worked hard for two years, he said.

Mr Moore said the examination questions were designed to require a synopsis and analysis to be answered properly.

"They require students to have very good analytical skills, producing answers to those to not be the result of spoon-feeding," he said.

Cllr Chris Wells, KCC's cabinet member for children, was at Hillview High School for Girls in Tonbridge for results day where stu-

dents achieved a 90 per cent pass rate and two students gained four straight As.

He said: "I would like to congratulate all of Kent's A-level students and wish them every success. I'm pleased with the continued upward trend, which bodes well for the future."

This year a record-breaking one in 10 pupils gained straight As, which increased to around a third for students at independent schools.

At Ashford School pupils had a 100 per cent pass rate, with nearly 90 per cent of students achieving A, B and C grades, and one student being awarded six A grades.

Medway Council said it expected this year's results would continue to improve on those for 2007, which showed the best performance of students ever.

The authority said it was not publishing the results from schools and colleges until they had been collated nationally, in about a month.

Rose Collinson, director of children and adults services at the council, said: "I congratulate all young people at the end of their courses and celebrate their success. I wish them all every good wish for the future."



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Firms insist years of above-inflation hikes are needed to replace infrastructure

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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HOUSEHOLDS in Kent look set to feel the full force of water rate increases proposed by utility firms.

Of the 23 companies in England and Wales, Kent's suppliers occupy five of the top six places for the largest planned bill rises above inflation.

Folkestone and Dover Water has suggested an increase of 6.7 per cent above inflation per year, with South East Water proposing a 4.7 per cent hike and Southern Water 4.5 per cent over inflation.

Thames Water wants to raise prices by three per cent, and Sutton and East Surrey Water by an average 3.2 per cent a year.

All planned increases would come into effect for five years from 2010, and have been submitted to the industry regulator Ofwat for approval.

Excessive

Cllr Keith Ferrin, Kent County Council cabinet member for the environment, said he was "very dissatisfied" with the proposals.

"The water companies are trying to convince Ofwat they need to carry out works we feel are excessive and completely unnecessary," he said.

"For example, one has proposed to build a pipeline that pumps water from the east of the county to the west, and another has proposed to build a pipeline that pumps water from the west to the east."

"We believe that if the water companies worked together, bills for their customers would be much less. These problems have been created by more than one company providing water to homes in Kent."

"I think customers are getting poor value for money at the moment and it will be even worse when their bills go up."

Karen Gibbs, the Consumer Council for Water's policy manager for the South East, said the planned rises were the cause of "great concern".

"For the five years from 2010 we are looking at more than 20 per cent increases in current bills," she said.

"The problem we have in Kent is that it is a 'water-stretched' area, so companies have to invest in and enhance their resources, and there will be a vast growth in the population to contend with too."

David Walton, Folkestone and Dover Water's managing director, said the company's increases would help pay for the building of new trunk mains, an underground reservoir and other works.

He added: "We are the only area to have been granted 'area of water scarcity' status by the Government and this underlines the problems we face."

"We have less rainfall than parts of the Middle East, and only very limited local water sources. Climate change will only make matters more difficult and we will face increased demand from a growing population and from major new business developments."

While the average bill for homes covered by the company would rise from £168 in 2009-10 to £205 in 2014-15, those covered by Southern Water would see an increase from £352 to £426.

Southern Water chief executive Les Dawson said a £10 million annual increase in power costs had contributed to the planned rise, as well as the building of thousands of new homes in the region.

He added: "We face a £655m programme of work to deliver 329 projects – more than anywhere else in the UK – specifically for legislation imposed on us from Europe."

"We also have to spend £450m to cater for growth in the South East."

Due to the large number of households it serves in London, Thames Water was singled out as a company proposing one of the biggest increases.

In a letter to customers published on the firm's website, chief executive David Owens said the rises would help pay for the replacement of ageing pipes.

He added: "It also includes some of the biggest engineering projects in Europe, like the Tideway Tunnel project which the Government wants us to build to take sewage away from the Thames, and the proposed upper Thames reservoir in Oxfordshire."

"That all comes in at £6.5 billion – the highest level of investment proposed by a UK water company ever."

Compared with their neighbours elsewhere in Kent, customers living in areas covered by South East Water and Sutton and East Surrey Water receive relatively low average bills.

Unwelcome

They would rise from £160 to £192 and £153 to £193 respectively.

South East Water managing director Paul Butler said: "We are conscious that no price rise is likely to be welcomed by our customers, but unfortunately this rise is largely the result of unprecedented increases in power costs and the continuing cost of maintaining our day-to-day water supply operations."

Sutton and East Surrey Water plans to spend the money gained from its bill increases on improving services, metering, the extension of a water treatment works, and on covering increased power and chemical costs.

Ofwat is due to make its final decision on the proposed water rate increases by November next year.

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London 2012 hopefuls train at Kent club after pool closure

Olympics lifeline thrown to divers

TALENTED young divers are training in Tunbridge Wells with hopes of going one better than 14-year-old Olympian Tom Daley.

Daley finished last in the men's synchronised 10-metre platform event this week, but 20 of the South East's brightest hopes are being told to aim much higher for the 2012 Games in London by their coaches at the town's sports centre.

And when those coaches are two of the most respected in China – former Olympian Cheng

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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Yang and his assistant Xiang Yan Kong – the students at Tunbridge Wells sports centre had better listen.

The young prospects and their trainers are attached to the Crystal Palace Diving Institute, the London home of which was forced to close at short notice last September after the discovery of asbestos in the building.

They faced having nowhere to practise their manoeuvres until the Tunbridge Wells-based

RT Monson club stepped in to help.

With an impact-softening bubble machine and harnesses to practise diving techniques outside of the water, the sports centre has some of the best training facilities in the UK.

Lead coach Betty Allen – whose daughter Hayley competed in the 1992 and 1996 Olympics – said the club was happy to help.

She said: "When the Crystal Palace pool closed at 45 minutes' notice, it left the people there in a dire situation.

"They contacted me to see what was available and now they come to use our equipment about three times a week.

"I think it's a really good thing to see a facility like ours being utilised to its full potential and especially in training Olympic hopefuls. It also creates a lot of interest among the public because whenever they come to the pool, there is almost always diving training going on."

The Tunbridge Wells pool also has two three-metre springboards, two one-metre springboards, a one-metre fixed platform and a five-metre board.

Most of the equipment was installed at the end of 2006 when a £86,500 grant was received from Sport England, after an application prepared by Mrs Allen.

Although the Crystal Palace pool is due to reopen in December, there are still no guarantees the institute will be allowed to return.

The London Development Agency says it is owed rent by the group's owners, but it is hoped the situation can be resolved before eviction becomes a possibility.

Were that to happen, it would almost certainly lead to the loss of its two Chinese coaches.



HEAD OVER HEELS: London's 2012 divers will be inspired by Tom Daley's Beijing adventure

Institute director Chris Snode, himself a former world diving champion, said: "The closure of Crystal Palace has devastated our programme and we've lost a lot of members as a result.

"We spent two-and-a-half years visiting 200 schools in the London area and testing 50,000 pupils to see if they had what it takes. We whittled that down to 20 and they are all absolutely amazing, as good as what they have in China.

"We're still looking good for the 2012 Olympics and that's partly because of Tunbridge Wells. If the pool didn't exist then the whole programme would have folded and the Chinese coaches would have gone home, because the pools in London aren't good enough and there is nowhere else nearby."

• See p29 for details of Kent's preparations for the Olympic handover.

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FAMOUS FACES: Shaun Easton with (from left) Mike Read, Bobby Davro, David Hasselhoff, Gloria Hunniford and Kid Creole

Many Shades of success

IN A world hit by global warming and the credit crunch, DJ to the stars Shaun Easton does his bit to help limit the effects of both, *writes Steve Knight.*

The 43-year-old founder of Tonbridge-based party planners Shades has invested in new low-voltage lighting and sound equipment, which is better for the environment as well as for his customers' bank accounts.

Shaun said: "If I told people they needed to hire a huge generator with £400 of fuel in it, they'd be looking at £1,000 on power alone for a day's event. It's expensive."

"People say we're reasonably priced. We're not cheap, but we don't judge anybody by how much money they have."

"If they have lots and want to go for the wow factor, we'll do it. But if somebody wants to be minimalist, then we'll do that too."

"The bigger the event the more of a headache it is, so small parties are great."

Shaun's reputation as a top party DJ rocketed after Shades was chosen by comedian Vic Reeves and his wife Nancy Sorrell to plan the couple's wedding reception in 2003, at the recommendation of Eastwell Manor in Ashford, where it was held.

But the company – which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year – grew from humble



LIGHT FANTASTIC: Getting the atmosphere right is important

beginnings. Shaun said: "As a kid my mum and dad used to take me to a dinner-and-dance at the Spa Hotel in Tunbridge Wells. Not many children used to go so I often found myself talking to the DJ."

"I met a DJ called Peter Harvey, who was my inspiration."

"I've always loved music and being a DJ is a great way to play it really loud and get away with it. I also love being in control."

"I started off with a 150-watt sound system, but I've spent thousands building the company up to what it is today."

"Peter is still doing three or four tea dances a week and he's 79 now. If I'm as good as he is when I'm that age, I'll have done well."

Although the success of Shades has led to Shaun hobnobbing with such celebrities as Bruce Forsyth and David Hasselhoff, his formula for a

good party is still the same.

He said: "It's important to listen to what people want and then give it to them. I would never tell somebody I couldn't play a partic-

ular song or type of music because it wasn't in my set. I'm versatile and that's how I've survived for so long."

Shaun does his best to meet the wishes of his customers and their guests, however unusual. He said: "Vic and Nancy had arranged for Jools Holland to play at their wedding, so we were asked to provide a grand piano."

"He came in that morning to tune it and told us he was going to tape down the lid because it was tuned to his fingers and he didn't want anybody else to play it."

"He told us he wouldn't play if anybody touched it, so I had somebody guard it all day. He was brilliant when he played that night."

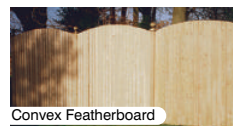
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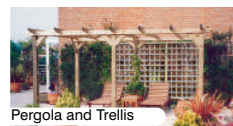
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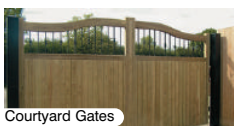
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By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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WHEN a coach carrying 40 people tumbled down a steep New Zealand hillside, student Paul Doubleday was lucky to escape with his life.

Clambering through a shattered window with the sobs and screams of his fellow passengers filling the air around him, the 20-year-old Canterbury resident was unaware at the time that the badly gashed leg he suffered in the crash would stop him playing sport for months.

Yet little more than a year on and Paul is willing to risk it all again when he climbs Africa's tallest peak, Mount Kilimanjaro, next month.

Paul said: "I was on a Kiwi Experience coach that was being driven down a steep, winding hill. The coach driver dropped his

Man who escaped horror coach crash to scale Kilimanjaro



SURVIVOR: Paul

pen and when he leant over to pick it up he fell off his seat and pulled the steering wheel.

"We ended up falling about 40 metres off the edge of a cliff.

"It was terrifying. None of us had seatbelts on and I remember hitting my head on the

roof. It knocked me out for a couple of seconds and then I woke up in a bundle of people.

"It's incredible that nobody died, but it was so quiet after the accident that I thought everybody had. But once the realisation of what had happened set in some people started screaming, and it was terrible.

"The driver was worried the coach was going to explode, so we were all clambering out of the window and up the hillside to get away."

Nathan Hyslop, 32, pleaded guilty to 10 counts of careless driving causing injury when he appeared before a judge in New Zealand last November.

He was disqualified for 18 months and ordered to pay \$2,802 compensation as a result.

Intense

Although Paul now has an understandable fear of travelling on coaches, he is not afraid to tackle the near-20,000ft Mount Kilimanjaro along with 20 of his friends.

He said: "I've only had one previous experience on a mountain, which was my rather intense climb up Sgurr Alasdair on the Isle of Skye last April.

"It was my first time scrambling, rock climbing and ice climbing, but I survived the week with only a mild case of

trench foot and all toes still attached.

"Kilimanjaro will be an exceptional challenge for me because although I have played basketball for Nottingham university this year and consider myself to be reasonably fit, the leg injuries I suffered in New Zealand have prevented me from doing something as big as this until now."

Paul, who grew up in Ashford, but moved to Canterbury earlier this summer, said each of the climbers taking part had committed to raising £2,000 for the charity Childreach International.

He added: "I've been involved in charity and voluntary work in the past, mainly looking after less well-abled children in England.

"However, recently I've been meaning to focus more on those children who are incredibly less well-off than us, and when this opportunity arose my heart leapt.

"I am incredibly proud to be part of this adventure, and with nearly £130,000 raised for Childreach International by my group, I'm really looking forward to making a difference to thousands of children's lives in other parts of the world."

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Young warrior's tale must be told

IN AUGUST, 1944, a squadron leading the 22nd Armoured Brigade ran into German infantry at Gaillefontaine in northern France, *writes Jenna Pudelek.*

The troop leader's armoured car was hit by an anti-tank shell, killing both the driver and a 21-year-old soldier from Kent.

David Eason is writing the roll of honour for the young trooper's regiment, the 11th Hussars (Prince Albert's Own) to remember the 161 soldiers who fought with the regiment during World War Two and did not return.

He has appealed for relatives and descendants of Trooper Murray Knight, who was from Bromley, to come forward with background information, photographs and any other memories which could be included in his entry.

Mr Eason, an amateur historian from Royal Leamington Spa in Warwickshire, said: "It's never been done before."

"I looked at the names on the war memorials. I thought, 'You don't know who these men were or what they were like'. So I thought it would be interesting to put together a book with photographs, the family history and information about their lives before they went off to fight for their country."

The 36-year-old, who works as a full-time carer for his wife, was a member of the Royal Hussars (The Prince of Wales's Own), which was formed by an amalgamation of the 11th Hussars and the 10th Royal Hussars in 1969, and served as a lance-corporal in the Gulf War.

Honours

He said he developed an interest in the history of the regiments and the men who served with them after leaving the Army.

The 11th Hussars, which won more battle honours than any other cavalry or tank regiment during World War Two, can trace its history back to 1715 when it was known as the Dragoons, fighting against Jacobite rebels, Mr Eason said.

General Phillip Honeywood raised a regiment of mounted dragoons after a call from George I in response to Jacobite uprisings.

They fought at Waterloo and the regiment was escort to Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg from Dover to London for his wedding to Queen Victoria in 1840.

The regiment later led the ill-fated Charge of the Light Brigade in 1854 during the Crimean War.

Still a cavalry regiment at the outbreak World War One, the soldiers were dismounted as their use became ineffective against machine-guns and the trench warfare of the Western Front.

Mr Eason said the regiment served three times in Palestine and during the Abyssinian crisis before joining the famous Desert Rats of the British 7th Armoured Division from June 1940, battling through north Africa, Italy and into Germany, ending

with leading the victory parade into Berlin in 1945. Sadly, Trooper Knight from Kent did not make it to the German capital to celebrate victory over the Nazis.

The car he was traveling in was attacked by enemy infantry four miles beyond the Paris-Dieppe round, which was the exact route taken after the Battle of Waterloo by the regiment in 1815, when it was known as the 11th Light Dragoons, Mr Eason said.

His leader, Lieutenant Hunt was blown clear of the vehicle and wounded in the shoulder, suffering a broken knee and losing three fingers from his left hand.

The driver, Trooper Edward Smith, 25, was also killed. Mr Eason said: "Edward and Murray lie together as they fought and died together. I am trying to trace anyone else who knew Murray for information which will be included in his entry."

"I would also be very grateful if anyone could help me with locating memorials in churches, villages or towns commemorating Murray. Please give me the chance to do justice to this young man's memory."

Mr Eason said he was about 80 per cent through tracing the all the soldiers and hoped to begin writing the book by next summer. If you can help, call him on 07896 201 176 or email husrollho@yahoo.co.uk.



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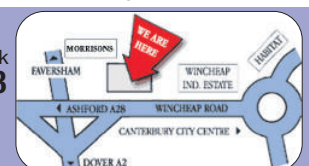
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Romy's is the pic of a good bunch

RETIRED art teacher Romy Lazzari is the winner of KOS Media's photography competition, launched last month with Marks & Spencer to celebrate the first British Cherry Day, *writes Steve Knight*.

Entrants were asked to submit pictures featuring the popular fruit, and the 61-year-old's effort was the best of the bunch.

Mrs Lazzari, from Hoo, near Rochester, said: "For years my husband and I have been getting our cherries from a farm in Milstead, near Sittingbourne, and when I read about the competition I thought I would take my camera down there."

"The woman in the picture is in her 80s but still sits outside the farm selling cherries at £1 a time. She was quite amused when I asked her to be in the picture."

"I thought I might win one of the prizes because I've been taking photos for fun for years, but I didn't expect to come first."

Mrs Lazzari won £500 of Marks & Spencer vouchers and says she will proba-

bly spend them on Christmas presents.

The second prize of £300 in vouchers went to Pauline Tweedy, 52, from Charing, near Ashford.

Mrs Tweedy said when she read about the competition she knew exactly where to take her picture.

She said: "We walk our dog along a footpath that takes us through a beautiful cherry orchard and it was the first thing which sprung to mind."

"I've just started getting into photography and I was so excited when I found out I'd won a prize. I think I'd like to keep the money to buy something special."

Heather Nelson, 40, from Canterbury, enlisted the help of her children Bethany, 10, and Pippa, eight, when designing the scene for their photograph, which came third.

Mrs Nelson said: "We thought cherries should be able to have fun in the sun like everyone else, so we created a beach with some of the children's toys for them to play with."

"We had a lot of fun putting it together and I think I'll have to consult with Bethany and Pippa as to what to spend our £200 on."



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Nav off! Satellite systems urged to guide truckers away

By **NICK AMES**

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A CAMPAIGN to get satellite navigation companies to make unsuitable roads out of bounds for HGVs is gaining momentum across the county.

The problems are caused mainly by Continental truck drivers, particularly from Eastern Europe, entering the UK through Kent's ports or the Channel Tunnel.

Their sat-nav equipment highlights major roads as they head from the coast towards London and the M25, via the M2 and A2.

But in many cases alternative access to the highways network is suggested along routes that are not designed to cope with large lorries.

The problem is at its worst in Thanet, around Dover and near Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells.

In one incident, residents of Mereworth couldn't get out of their village after a lorry got stuck in a narrow street.

A protest later took place in the village of Yalding to highlight the fears of pedestrians, particularly schoolchildren who have to walk along a narrow road and bridge to get to and from school.

Safety campaigners say foreign truckers do not have the local knowledge to realise these roads are unsuitable.

Buildings damaged

And they claim kerbs get destroyed and buildings have been damaged.

The sat-nav plan, by Kent Highways, has extensive backing in villages where residents have complained about massive trucks using narrow streets as rat-runs.

Traffic planners say they want to identify roads that should be avoided for safety and environmental reasons so sat-nav companies can upload them onto a database.

This would then 'red flag' them on navigation equipment on board vehicles.

A Kent Highways spokesman said: "The main purpose of the exercise is to get the sat-nav companies to put those roads identified as unsuitable for HGVs onto their databases and also to produce an up-to-date preferred lorry route map to be distributed to freight transport agencies."

"In addition, we wish to identify those streets where a lack of signs – or drivers ignoring signs – is causing problems."

"This may lead to changes to signs or the installation of new ones, or requests for enforcement action by the police."



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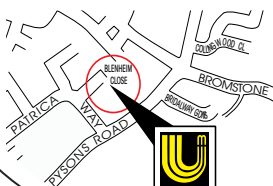
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Flagship new highway depot opens its doors



Kent Highway Services has just opened its new £9.7m, environmentally-friendly depot in Ashford.

The new building means that, for the first time, the public and private sector organisations that make up the Kent Highway Services Alliance can all work together under the same roof. By being in the same building, we can improve the way we communicate and reduce the time it takes to plan, co-ordinate and carry out projects. Everything will be in one place, which is good news for the road crews in particular - they will now be able to spend less time collecting work schedules and materials from different places, and spend more time getting the job done.

The depot is equipped with environmentally-friendly technology throughout, including a bio-mass boiler that uses wood pellets to run an under-floor heating system; a natural air flow system so that air conditioning is not necessary and infrared sensors that activate lights in the office. However, we haven't just focused on the inside - the car park is constructed using recycled plastic and glass, and an underground storage tank collects rainwater to be used for filling gully cleaning vehicles.

So what does all of this mean for Kent? By creating a flexible, high-technology depot, our team will be able to communicate more effectively and work more efficiently, and that means we can deliver an even better service to Kent.

Restricting disruption



It's frustrating - a road is dug up, or has repair work carried out and then a short time later it's dug up again. At Kent Highway Services, we know how frustrating consecutive road works can be for residents and commuters, which is why we work very closely with utility companies to co-ordinate works wherever possible.

Now, thanks to legislation improvements to the Traffic Management Act, we have increased powers to restrict more work after substantial road works have been carried out. Since April, the new powers have allowed restrictions on excavating the road for three years after it has been re-surfaced or, in the case of reconstruction of the road, the restrictions can apply for five years.

Where there has been substantial work such as a main replacement or major drainage work, further work can be restricted for either 6 or 12 months, depending on the type of road.

However, there are occasions when we have to make exceptions, for example emergencies such as burst mains and leaks, or to deal with disruption to customer services.

We always appreciate the co-operation and patience of residents and road users while any works are being carried out and will continue looking for ways to further minimise disruption.

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All our staff are supplied with fluorescent yellow or orange high visibility jackets and tabards, so that day or night, sunshine or showers, Kent Highway Services staff will be seen. It's not just for the safety of our staff either - it's equally important that other road users can clearly see workers for their own safety.

High visibility clothing may not be exciting, but it is another important tool to help us keep Kent moving - safely.

Travel Update

Below are roadworks and events that may cause some disruptions. Please remember that these are planned works and other emergency works may be required.



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Ashford	Start 18.8.08	Finish 22.8.08	Road Criol Lane, Shadoxhurst	Reason Road closure - new water mains
Tunbridge Wells	Start 18.8.08	Finish 1.9.08	Road Lucks Lane, Paddock Wood	Reason Road closure - telecoms works
Sevenoaks	Start 18.8.08	Finish 20.10.08	Road Blackhall Lane, Seal	Reason Road closure - new gas mains
Thanet	Start 19.8.08	Finish 21.8.08	Road Hartsdown Road, Margate	Reason Temporary traffic lights - energy supply works
Maidstone	Start 19.8.08	Finish 23.8.08	Road A274 Mill Bank, Headcorn	Reason Temporary traffic lights - telecoms works

For details of other roadworks in Kent please visit www.kent.gov.uk/travel

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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A SHORT story by the Prime Minister appears alongside those written by several Kent authors in a new anthology.

Gordon Brown's tale of how he discovered the joy of reading as a youngster is the first of many in the Wow 366 book, in which all the stories are told in just 366 words.

Works by legendary children's author Roald Dahl, Monty Python star Terry Jones and McFly band member Tom Fletcher are also featured in the collection, from which all profits will be donated to ChildLine.

While Mr Brown's story may have pride of place at the beginning of the anthology, the next tale belongs to eccentric Tunbridge Wells author Philip Ardagh.

Mr Ardagh, 46, has written more than 70 books, including the hugely successful Eddie Dickens series, and in 2005 he collaborated with Sir Paul McCartney to create the former Beatles star's first children's novel.

He said: "Obviously they know I'm one of the most talented writers in the world so they put my story at the front."

"They couldn't have put it at number one because the Prime Minister would have been upset, but I'm quite happy with being second."

"There's a real mix of authors in there. Some are very well known, some are quite well known and others are unknowns."

Distinguished

"However, I suppose I'm the tallest at two metres and no doubt I have the bushiest beard, so that suits me just fine."

While many of the authors featured in the anthology were approached by Scholastic Children's Books, Mr Ardagh says he contacted the publisher first.

He explained: "It's for such a good cause and there are lots of great stories you can dip in and out of whenever you feel like it."

"Reading opens up your entire world. If you can't read or write, how do you expect to text people, use the internet and get information from books?"

"If you don't learn to read when you are young, it's a lot more difficult to get back into it when you are older."

While Mr Ardagh has forged his reputation from years of writing, 29-year-old Louise Arnold is a relative newcomer to the profession.

The Canterbury resident has only been a published author for four years but has already found success with her Invisible Friend series of children's tales.

She said: "This is the first time I've been asked to contribute to an anthology, and to be surrounded by such distinguished authors is the ultimate compliment for me."

"It was quite a challenge to write a story in 366 words because my philosophy has always been why use one word when you can use 20?"

"But I'm really pleased with the finished product."

Writers join Brown between the covers

"An anthology like this is really just like a massive sweet shop – so many things to pick and choose from, so many different styles and characters and worlds to wander through – and hopefully it will help children out there to find an author that really appeals to them, while at the same time helping out a fantastic charity."

"You can't ask for much more than that."

Tunbridge Wells author Cherry Whytock, 56, was also asked to contribute to the book and admits finding it a challenge to limit her story to just 366 words.

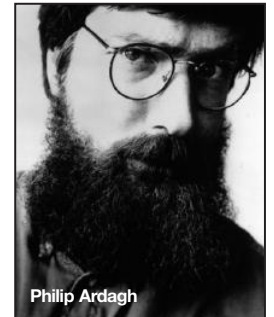
She said: "I've always wanted to write an illustrated book with very little text, but it can be hard. You need to be able to create a character and a scenario with a limited number of words."

"But I was pleased with what I wrote and I was delighted and thrilled to have my work alongside that of some wonderful authors."

Former Tonbridge schoolteacher Nigel Hinton, Dover's Jane Clarke and Ann Bryant from Cranbrook are also featured in Wow 366, which has been launched to celebrate the 2008 National Year of Reading.



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Kent sculptor uses prestigious commission to offer alternative view of horses

Culture back in the saddle

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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AN ARTIST from Kent has won a prestigious commission to exhibit as part of the Liverpool Capital of Culture 2008 events.

Six stone sculptures of horses, with the tallest reaching 8ft, will be making their way to Cheshire for a six-week exhibition starting on September 2.

Their creator, Anthony Heywood, 56, who lives in Sittingbourne and is head of sculpture at the University of Creative Arts in Canterbury, spoke to KOS Media about the inspiration behind his equestrian-themed works.

"One of the things about public sculpture [of horses] and, in a sense, all sculpture, is that it is always triumphal. I wanted to bring a new approach, a much more informal way of treating the subject," he said.

Throughout the history of art, horses have often been portrayed in battle and during the era of the Baroque movement equine portraiture placed regal subjects astride their mounts, such as in the work of Peter Paul Rubens.

This has given horses in art a somewhat majestic and untouchable relationship with the viewer, which Mr Heywood wanted to break down.

"By using a traditional material for equestrian sculpture, I have subverted that by placing the horse in a social context," he said.



WILD RIDE: Anthony Heywood's sculptures, which aim to subvert the traditional artistic view of the horse, will go on display in Merseyside as part of the Liverpool Capital of Culture event. **INSET:** The sculptor with horse's head

He spent time in the countryside photographing and looking at horses interacting with each other.

It has taken two years to complete the project and the works are ready to be viewed by visitors to the sculpture park at Mount Pleasant Gardens in Cheshire next month.

"I looked at Degas's ballerinas. It is like looking through a keyhole [into a private world]. It was similar, as the horses did not

really know I was looking at them," he said. Like Degas' famous paintings, which show dancers backstage, in rehearsal, waiting in the wings and taking a break, Mr Heywood's horses are shown in private moments rather than in battle, on the racetrack or as steeds of great men. His last work using an equestrian theme was for the English National

Opera, which saw him making a sculpture of a horse in a traditional pose but using materials from everyday life, such as television sets, to "subvert the history of the tradition".

He said: "Artists throughout Western Europe have tended to treat the horse in a certain way. It is always on a pedestal, slightly out of reach and out of touch."

"I have always thought there must be another way of treating the subject, something people feel more of an affinity with rather than a formal relationship."

Mr Heywood is among 50 artists chosen to take part in the sculpture exhibition. Its curator, Louise Worthington, works for Tate

Liverpool, which is showing a critically acclaimed Gustav Klimt exhibition until the end of the month. Liverpool was chosen by the EU as this year's European Capital of Culture, giving the city the opportunity to showcase all things cultural to a wider audience in an attempt to change its international image and encourage investors. Mr Heywood said events were being held around the region, not just in the city. "It is fantastic and I

am pleased to be a part of it," he said.

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Sports cars head for the casino capital to raise teen cancer cash

A FLEET of sports cars will be driven from Canterbury to Monte Carlo in memory of a young leukaemia victim.

Organiser Alex Hamilton, 17, hopes the Full Monte rally will raise between £25,000 and £30,000 for the Teenage Cancer Trust, which cared for one of his best friend's brothers in the time leading up to his death.

He said: "Jamie de Min was only about my age when he died five years ago, and I remember it affected his brother David quite a bit at the time.

"But his parents were really happy with the service he received from the Teenage Cancer Trust, which made his last few months a lot more enjoyable than they otherwise might have been.

"They have been raising money for them

since Jamie's death, so I thought I would do what I could to help."

About 70 sports car owners have signed up for the rally at a cost of £3,000 for two people.

They will set off from Broome Park, Canterbury, on Thursday and stop off at several luxurious hotels before arriving at Monte Carlo next Sunday.

Alex, who lives in Ashford but attends Kings College, Canterbury, said: "Organising this has swamped my life from the start, but my mum and dad have given me a lot of help.

"It's taken a lot of hard work but it's been worth it because Jamie's parents are really happy."

For more information about the drive visit www.thefullmonte.org.

Crunch increases town's demand for food handouts

By **NICK AMES**

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FOLKESTONE is the first town in the UK to see a scheme where tinned food donated by supermarket giant Sainsbury's is distributed to those on the breadline by the Salvation Army.

The Christian group originated its food distribution programme to assist the homeless – but members have seen a marked increase in take-up of its free breakfasts and afternoon donations.

Tony Barr, community care officer for Folkestone, said: "It really shows the credit crunch is hitting people.

"We started out by offering free breakfasts and saw an increasing number of people coming through the doors of our centre.

"Then Sainsbury's stepped in offering tinned goods and they have been taken up very eagerly.

"It seems as more and more people are experiencing financial problems they are turning to us.

"It's partially about the benefits system as well. As people change, say from sickness benefit to unemployment benefit, then they may experience a period when they have no money coming in.



HELPING HAND: Care officer Tony Barr

"So they are coming to us for help – which we are only too pleased to offer."

Nationally, Sainsbury's runs charitable schemes to donate food which has its packaging damaged.

But Folkestone is the only town in Britain where the Salvation Army is the recipient.

Louise Tallett is duty manager at the West Park Farm branch.

She said: "We are very pleased to put food that may be wasted back into the community and when times are hard we want to help."

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By **LEXY PAYNE**

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SMOKERS cost the county's health services £26 million a year.

The NHS has to cope with 12,000 admissions a year as a result of smoking cigarettes – and now County Hall wants your opinion on ways to reduce this figure.

The Department of Health is consulting on plans to reduce the number of people who smoke and on ways to prevent others from taking up the habit.

The Whitehall proposals include making the minimum pack size 20 to stop young people, who can only afford packs of 10, from buying cigarettes.

Another idea to stop young smokers is the restriction of cigarette vending machines, either by banning them completely or restricting their use to adults. It has also been proposed that shops will have to keep cigarettes under the counter.

It is estimated that more than 200,000 under-16s start smoking each year. Although this is lower than a decade ago, these smokers are still three times more likely to die of cancer due to smoking than someone who starts in their mid-20s.

Kent County Council cabinet member for public health, Cllr Graham Gibbens, said: "Despite much progress over the past decade, with 1.9 million fewer smokers

NHS in Kent counts the cost of smoking

since 1998, smoking is still the biggest killer in England.

"Smoking-related disease kills 87,000 people a year, almost the equivalent to the entire population of towns such as Ashford, Dover or Tonbridge and Malling."

Kent's public health director, Meradin Peachey, said: "We want to know what people in Kent think about these new proposals."

"One year on from the introduction of the smoking ban in public places, these new pro-

posals aim to take things one step further. Do people agree or disagree?"

The Kent Alliance on Smoking and Health (KASH) is canvassing public opinion on the consultation. Go to www.kent.gov.uk, where participants can choose to support one of four key statements and then comment further on how they wish to see tobacco being tackled in the future.

The four statements include supporting a long-term plan to protect future generations,

and a plan to support removing all tobacco products from displays, including ending vending machines.

The third statement is to support the introduction of plain packaging on all tobacco products, and the final statement supports the need for an improved strategy to tackle tobacco smuggling.

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Incinerator deal loses KCC £1m as recycling profits soar

A BUSINESS decision taken a decade ago by Kent County Council now looks to be costing the authority almost £1 million a year in lost profit.

So-called 'green gold' has become an important source of revenue for councils recently with cash for such things as cardboard, newspapers and plastic bottles able to be used to fund public services.

But a decision to take on a contract with an incinerator has led to KCC missing out on much of this potential windfall.

The price of recycled materials has risen so sharply that less than half way into a 25-year deal with a private company specialising in incineration, KCC wants to renegotiate.

"At the time it looked a good deal," said Cllr Keith Ferrin the county council's cabinet member for environmental and waste services.

"Ten years later I would say 'never again'. If I could get out of the long-term contract I have inherited, I would do that."

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"Over the course of a year we could make just under £1 million profit."

The agreement reached was for a private contractor to incinerate 320,000 tonnes of waste annually. This was to be in a facility that is not yet operational.

In the current marketplace much of the rubbish is too valuable to burn and much of the plastic the council formerly had removed is now requested by companies in exchange for cash.

Serious price increases in such substances as copper – 15 times more valuable than it was six years ago – have sparked the recycling boom.

Paul Bettison, chairman of the Local Government Association's environmental board, wants local councils to be made aware they could be wasting potentially huge profits.

"We need to get the message to our authorities and say let's see what we can get out of this without taking silly risks."



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Beauty queens to be celebrated at hotel

By **NICK AMES**

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A CENTURY of glamour will be celebrated in Folkestone on Wednesday with a commemoration of the first Miss World Competition.

This was held in August, 1908, in the Hippodrome Theatre sited on long-gone Victoria Pier that jutted out into the English Channel from the shoreline below The Leas.

The Grand Hotel will be the venue for the commemorative event that will feature current Folkestone beauty queens in Edwardian costume.

One hundred years ago England put in five contestants, including Maud Watson and Winnie Osborn from Folkestone and Dorothy Crispin from Dover.

France contributed Parisian Dory Ta, Suzanne Challer and Andree Giuillard – although a planned appearance from the 'fisher girls' who gutted the catch every day in Boulogne did not materialise.

Two Irish sisters with the name of Connor did turn up though, as did Virginia Harrison who caught a steamer from New York to represent the USA.

The only other contestant was Asta Fleming from Austria, who finished second.

English rose Nellie Jarman, 18, from Surrey won – her prize a piano worth £37 – with local beauty Winnie in third place.

One notable absentee was the German Kaiser, who it was rumoured would be there but didn't turn up.



BEAUTIES: Top, the theatre on the long-gone Victoria Pier hosted the first Miss World Competition. Notable entrants were Virginia Harrison, far left, who travelled by steamer from New York, and dancing Dory Ta, left, from France

Protesting over votes for women were a large number of suffragettes, all wearing sailor hats and carrying banners, who were kept in check by a number of soldiers.

Reports at the time spoke of a "mad rush" to get inside as hundreds thronged the area.

Voting for the winners was by the audience, who "gave vent to their pent up feelings and cheered for 15 minutes while the audience played Rule Britannia". Some girls were received in silence, others with applause, but several with "loud laughter".

Another winner was Dory Ta – who used her newfound popularity to get a role as dancer at the theatre for the rest of the week.

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Kicking on to fighting glory

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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WHEN a 12-year-old Carla Jessup started getting into fights at school, her mother knew she had to do something about it.

But rather than ground the youngster or take away her pocket money, Helen Ingram did what

few other mums would ever dream of – she ordered her daughter to take up kickboxing.

"I used to get into a lot of trouble and I was really horrible," said the Maidstone estate agent, now 21.

"I was having fights at school all the time and I was always really angry and nasty at my mum. "She sent me to kickboxing to get rid of my aggression in a different way and I'm so grateful she did."

"I'm a lot nicer now."

Late last month Carla flew to Orlando in

Florida, to compete in the International Kickboxing Federation's World Classic event, and came home with the gold in the female bantamweight category.

But the championship belt now kept safely in her Maidstone apartment was not the only reward she received for the accomplishment, as her now proud mum also wanted to buy her something special.

Carla said: "I was over the moon when I won and I rang her straight away."

"I told her not to cry because I knew it would set me off, but she did anyway and then I followed."

"She's been to pretty much every one of my fights and she always sits there shadow-boxing in the crowd."

"She's so loud too and was really disappointed when I told her she couldn't come to Florida with me."

Knockout

"But when I told her I'd won she said she had to buy me a present, so I'm looking forward to receiving a new BlackBerry phone."

Carla was one of 10 girls to compete in Florida under the Total Kickboxing Organisation (TKO) banner, which has gyms in Chatham, Maidstone and Ashford.

All were hand-picked to travel by instructor Colin Payne, himself a fifth dan fighter.

Carla said: "We're all the best of friends anyway so it was just like going on a holiday with the girls."

"I don't consider myself to be the best of the 10 at all, but Colin trained us so hard and we were so fit for the competition that I think we all stood a good chance."

"It was a knockout tournament spread over two days, so I had one fight the first day and two the second."

"I actually watched the girl I beat in the final earlier that day and was worried because she looked really good."

As it turned out Carla beat Lisa Wells, from Beloit, Wisconsin, by a unanimous points decision.

It was a bad couple of days for the Americans who faced Carla, as she also saw off Stephanie Stafford, from Atlanta, Georgia, and April Simon, from



GOLDEN GIRL: Estate agent Carla Jessup

Acworth, Georgia, in preliminary bouts.

After weeks of intense training paid off with her title victory in the 'sunshine state', Carla was allowed to unwind when she returned to Maidstone.

She said: "Colin told us to go and enjoy ourselves so I did by eating and drinking too much, but I'm back training now."

"My aim now is to win a couple more fights and have a shot at another amateur title, and then I'd like to turn professional next year."

Carla will be fighting on TKO's next card, at the Casino Rooms, Rochester, on Sunday, September 7.

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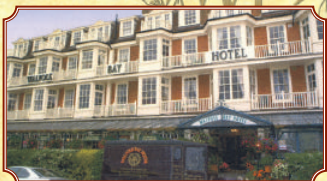
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A MEASLES epidemic could hit Kent if uptake rates of MMR vaccinations do not continue to improve.

That is the warning from the county's three primary care trusts (PCTs), which are urging parents to ensure their children are fully protected against the increased threat from the potentially lethal disease.

About 95 per cent of England's population needs to be vaccinated to protect against a widespread outbreak of measles, but uptake rates in Kent are lower than that figure.

Immunisation rates began to fall following a controversial study, published 10 years ago, linking MMR with autism.

Although medics and the Government have worked hard to dismiss the study, public confidence in the jab has still not been fully restored.

Last week the Department of Health asked all PCTs to offer the vaccine to children up to the age of 18 not already fully protected.

Dr Alison Barnett, director of health for Medway PCT, said: "We fully support the MMR catch-up campaign, which initially focuses on children and young people aged 13 months to 18 years who have not had an MMR vaccine."

Pneumonia

"Vaccination rates are good in Medway compared to other parts of the country, with 76 per cent of children having had two MMR vaccinations by the age of four, but not high enough to prevent a potential outbreak of measles."

"Measles can be a very serious infection causing pneumonia and encephalitis, and is sometimes fatal."

"We encourage parents to ensure their children are fully immunised against measles, mumps and rubella."

The percentage of children immunised by their second birthday in west Kent has fluctuated from 89 per cent between April and June, 2007, down to 77 per cent between October and December, 2007, and then back up to 80 per cent between January and March this year.

Percentages nationally for the same time periods were 92 per cent, 83 per cent and 83 per cent again respectively.

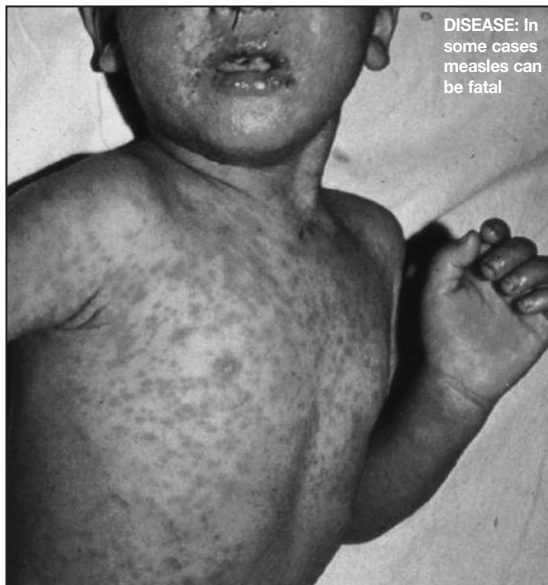
Declan O'Neill, assistant director of public health for NHS West Kent, said: "We fully support the Department of Health drive to ensure every child up to the age of 18 is vaccinated against measles."

"The Health Protection Agency has highlighted a risk of a large measles outbreak of between 30,000 and 100,000 cases, the majority in London."

"NHS West Kent's proximity to south east London makes this drive even more important and we will be working closely with GPs across our area to ensure all parents with children who have not already been vaccinated have the opportunity now."

Eastern and Coastal Kent PCT -

Epidemic fear over MMR drop



DISEASE: In some cases measles can be fatal

which is responsible for about 710,000 people living in Swale, Ashford, Canterbury, Thanet and Dover - has also seen a drop in MMR uptake rates in recent years.

The percentage of children immunised by their second birthday has fallen from 88 per cent in the final quarter of 2006, to 84 per cent in the first quarter of 2007 and to 79 per cent in the final quarter of 2007.

However, spokesman Gary McFegan said the PCT was expecting to see a rise when the figures for the first quarter of 2008 are released.

He added: "The Department of Health is very clear that its own experts say parents who have not had their children vaccinated with the MMR vaccine should do so as soon as possible."

"The department also says the evidence on MMR is very clear - there is no link between the vaccine and autism."

"The MMR vaccine take-up rate is not high enough to cancel out the threat of a measles outbreak."

"Measles is a serious illness and in some cases it can be fatal. Delaying immunisation puts children at risk."

The previous success of the MMR vaccination programme reduced the number of measles cases to very low levels for a number of years.

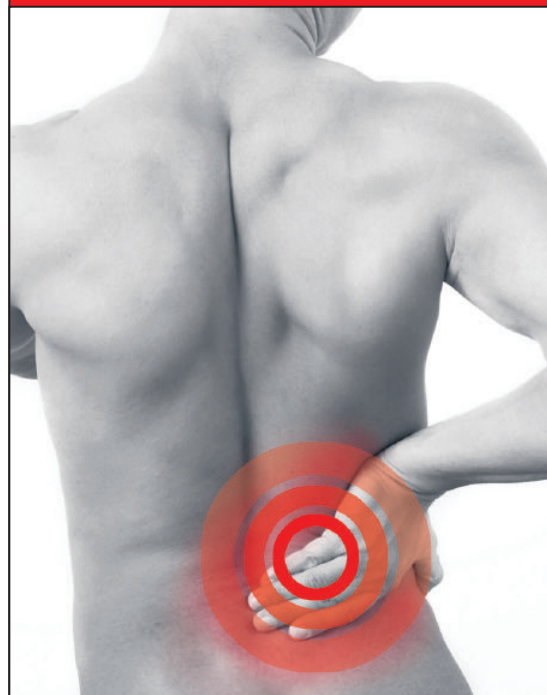
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Pair assaulted after walking away from kebab shop row

A MAN ended up in hospital after he was attacked by a gang late at night.

The 34-year-old and his friend had got into a row with a group of youths in a kebab shop in Ashford High Street.

Police officers were called and the dispute was settled.

The pair then walked away in the direction of the Ring Road, but they were followed by the group, who attacked them again.

Police were called and the 34-year-old was taken to hospital suffering from multiple fractures to his face and head.

He was transferred to a London hospital for treatment.

The assault happened on Sunday, July 27, from 2.55-3.15am.

"This was a vicious attack on the two men. The attackers deliberately armed themselves

and followed their victim," said Det Con Matt Cook. "I would also like to speak to a young woman who I believe was seen with the group during the incident."

"She is described as white, aged late teens to early 20s, has long, light brown hair and was wearing denim shorts, a pale coloured top with a beige top knotted over her shoulders and white trainers."

"She may have important information about the assault."

"I am also keen to talk to a man seen walking behind County Square towards the Godinton Road area and road works at about 3.15am."

Two 19-year-olds and one 16-year-old, all male, have been arrested in connection with the assault, and bailed pending further inquiries.



WIN tickets for a day full of mayhem

THE roar of engines will provide a fitting backdrop to this year's newest military show, to be held near Faversham this summer.

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And the heavy metal won't be confined to the ground. Looking to the sky, people can see several fly-bys throughout the day,

including a spitfire and 1940s Piper Cub.

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Swim 'suits' at the ready

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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FIVE high-flying businessmen from New York are travelling to Kent to swim the Channel to raise awareness of a genetic disorder that can cause lung and liver disease.

David Moore, Jeff Bodenmann, Steve Reiss, Richard Abramson and Steve Bookbinder are set to swap their suits for swimming trunks to complete the 21-mile challenge from Dover to Calais next Sunday.

The team members, who have athletic and competitive swimming backgrounds, were inspired to take up the Channel challenge after swimming 28 miles around Manhattan Island last year.

Their friend, Ed Mikell, suggested they raise money and awareness for Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency.

Mr Bookbinder said: "After completing the Manhattan swim our relay team was eager to up the ante and find an even bigger swim challenge."

"We decided we would tackle the English Channel the following summer. As word spread about our swim, friends and colleagues kept coming up to us to offer their best wishes."

"So many of them wanted to show their support that we were open to the suggestion of aligning our swim with the Alpha-1 cause, so everyone who wanted could have a vehicle to support the team."

"The decision has proven a win-win for us, Alpha-1 and our loyal supporters who can post their support online."

Transplants

Mr Mikell, who lives in Commack, New York, has two grandchildren with the condition and said the aim was to educate people about Alpha-1.

The team is hoping to raise \$10,000 (£5,300) for the charity, the Alpha-1 Foundation, and so far they are \$3,000 towards the target.

Alpha 1, which is caused by a damaged chromosome 14 and affects the lungs and also sometimes the liver, can cause emphysema and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) in adults. It can lead to patients needing lung or liver transplants and reduces life expectancy.

One in 25 people in the UK carry the gene and one in 2,700 babies are born with the full syndrome although it usually does not become apparent until the patient is over 50 years old.

Mr Mikell's youngest grandson, Cooper Castellone, was only a few weeks old when he suffered total blockage in his liver and was diagnosed with the condition.

The family then had his brothers tested for Alpha-1, they found Bryce had the condition, but the eldest Tyler did not, he said.

"While we were initially devastated, in some respects we are fortunate

Americans to raise money for Alpha-1 charity with Channel swim

that Cooper was diagnosed so early," Mr Mikell said.

"Otherwise, we wouldn't have known that two of our three grandsons had this disorder."

People with Alpha-1 should not smoke or be around people who do, and to avoid unne-



TEAM USA: (Left to right) Swimmers Steve Reiss, Jeff Bodenmann, Richie Abramson, Steve Bookbinder and Dave Moore hope to complete the 21-mile crossing from Dover to Calais

cessary damage to the liver it is important they do not drink and eat a health fruit and vegetable packed diet.

Mr Mikell said raising awareness about the importance of early detection and money for further research into the condition had

become his "mission", so that more treatments and eventually a cure will become available.

To sponsor the NYC Alpha 1 Swim Team go to www.firstgiving.com/englishchannel.

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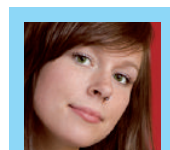
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44YR old female, blonde hair, 5ft5, slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 436810 TXT

SLIM, petite Sandy, 46, brown hair, green eyes, no lies, loves socialising, eating out etc. GSOH, seeking trustworthy, honest man for partnership and mutual affection. Box 440100 TXT

HI I'm Laura, 47, friendly, honest, easy-going, WLTm gentleman interested in bikes, walks, holidays, the countryside, museums, castles, and perhaps love! Box 440397 TXT

DIVORCED female, 47, 5ft4, curvy, enjoys eating out, WLTm a nice and gentle male, non-smoker, 43, with a GSOH for a relationship. Box 442303 TXT

CARING, honest 46yr old female, 5'2", eyes of blue, redhead. Likes cinema, theatre, walking. WLTm male for fun and friendship. Box 895928 TXT

CARING person with GSOH, 48, would like to share my life with someone nice, who enjoys romantic walks, meals and wants to find love. Box 897853 TXT

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SLIM, widow, 51yr old, 5ft4, honest, caring and sociable, seeks a male, 50-60, to have fun with. Bexhill. Box 442944 TXT

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HANDSOME, muscular African male, 31, enjoys good wine/food and socialising, WLTm nice and pretty lady to share my life with. Box 441291 TXT

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40-YEAR-OLD gay woman, likes nice wine, candlelight, the sea, passionate people and places, outdoors and cosy nights in, WLTm gay woman for friendship/relationship. Box 894541 TXT

GENUINE frank, 6ft, slim brown hair, green eyes, romantic and sensitive, enjoys soul music, bowling, walks and walks. WLTm a female, 33-40 for a LTR. Box 442674

ATTRACTIVE and considerate man, 42, enjoys quiet nights in, socialising, movies, meals, the odd dance, seeks special lady to take out, a soulmate. Box 442191 TXT

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VIVACIOUS, tactile, considerate widow, 58, 5ft, smoker, well travelled, no ties, loves cruising, cooking and culture, seeks genuine, interesting gentleman with similar attributes and interests. Box 429698 TXT

FUN loving, bubbly, tactile lady, 50s, enjoys the good life, holidays and cosy nights in, I'm voluptuous & looking for a real man. Box 903860 TXT

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY lady with nice smile, 62, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, enjoys dancing, walking, eating in/out, animals, seeking loving man for friendship/long term relationship. Box 443171 TXT

WIDOWER, early 60s, 5ft4, dark hair/eyes, medium build, non-smoking, loving, caring, no baggage enjoys travelling, socialising, eating in/out, seeking similar male to enjoy life with. Box 441177 TXT

OUTGOING & friendly female, 69, 5ft2, likes going out, meals, dancing, bowls, socialising, cinema, concerts, seeking someone similar for friendship and companionship. Box 443092 TXT

PLEASANT male, 39, 6ft tall, short brown hair, blue eyes, rock music and socialising, WLTm a genuine lady for a fun friendship, maybe romance later. Box 441326 TXT

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41YR old genuine and understanding male, 5'8", short cropped hair, enjoys sports, life to the full, looking for lady, medium/large, for friendship, possibly more. Box 433635 TXT

LOVELY, loving male, 40, 6ft2, brown hair/eyes, medium-build, trustworthy, genuine and romantic, seeking honest, fun-loving, caring female to spend life with. Box 429941 TXT

CARING single dad, 41, 5'10", average build, young-looking, WLTm lady for friendship/evenings out, more. Recently quit smoking! E Sussex. Box 963530 TXT

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Games' finale will signal Kent's countdown to 2012



THE handover of the Olympic flag will kick-start a campaign to ensure Kent is fully prepared for the 2012 games.

A variety of festivals, workshops and displays will be held across the county to mark the ceremony on August 24, which symbolises the end of Beijing's four-year Olympic term and the beginning of London's.

Kent County Council cabinet member Cllr Mike Hill, who is also a member of the Kent Campaign for the 2012 Games committee, said the date was an important milestone in the county's preparations for the event.

He explained: "Up until now it's all been about Beijing and we have been under a lot of pressure from Locog (London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games) not to push forward with our promotion until the current Games are over.

"That all changes on August 24 though and the initiative can really swing into gear."

Cllr Hill said one focus of the Kent campaign was to maximise the benefits the

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Games will bring to the county such as increased visitor numbers and athletes needing sports facilities to train in.

He added: "The other is to use the Olympics as a catalyst to encourage all aspects of sport and physical fitness, particularly with young people.

"We are in a unique position right between London and the Continent and we can really benefit here.

"There are plenty of children in our schools who can gain inspiration from the Olympics and although 2012 may come too soon for many of them, now is the time to get them involved."

Olympic flags will be raised in every town celebrating the handover to mark the beginning of a day of activities.

In Dover a street party will be held from noon until 9pm, with fireworks, dancing and stilt walkers all set to feature.

The handover will be shown live on a big screen in Herne Bay which will also be hosting a bike ride, talent show and other attractions as part of the town's annual festival.

A festival of arts, culture and sports will also take place in Maidstone, with Tunbridge Wells combining the event in with its annual Summer Slam fun day that will feature football, circus skills and more.

In Ramsgate the handover will coincide with the opening of a new athletics track at the Marlowe Academy, which has been

selected as a possible pre-Olympics training camp for visiting teams.

Also, leisure centres across the county will be opening up their swimming pools with free admission for the day.

Cllr Hill added: "The recent spectacular opening ceremony for the Beijing Games really heightened the excitement for London's Olympics and the handover day is an excellent way for us in Kent to celebrate and enjoy the atmosphere of being a host country. There is something for everyone on August 24."

A SPILT load of milk after a lorry overturned in a crash caused traffic delays on the M2 on Thursday.

Police said the refrigerated truck carrying the milk collided with another vehicle on the coastbound carriageway between junctions two and three near Medway Bridge at 4.45am.

When the lorry flipped on to its side the load of milk was spilled across the carriageway.

Traffic officers will investigate the cause of the crash.

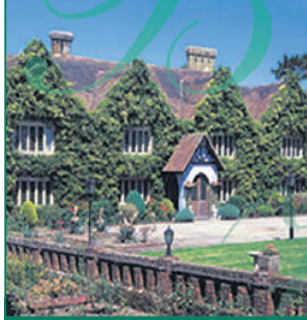
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MAIDSTONE'S famous cannon has been removed for restoration, writes *Lexy Payne*.

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After an £8,000 revamp it will be returned to the town centre in a couple of months.

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COMMENT

Sad loss to us all

WITH the passing of Lord Sandy Bruce-Lockhart, Kent has lost one of its truly great champions.

Well-liked, admired and trusted by many, he always stood by what he believed in and was a shining example of what a politician should aspire to be.

It is likely every village and town in the county benefited in some way from Lord Bruce-Lockhart's highly-successful run as Kent County Council leader.

He turned a failing organisation into one of the best-performing in England, and such was his standing that at one point he was the most senior elected Tory politician in the country following the party's fall from Westminster power in 1997.

But of all the honours Lord Bruce-Lockhart received throughout his life, perhaps his greatest achievement was earning the respect of the general public.

While politicians are increasingly mistrusted and ridiculed, Lord Bruce-Lockhart became a household name in Kent and earned much respect along the way.

As current KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter said, he was a force for good in all he did. Kent will not be the same without him.

Our golden boy

CONGRATULATIONS to Kent Olympian Jamie Staff, who picked up a gold medal in the Team Sprint event on Friday.

Jamie was understandably ecstatic to claim his prize and he'll be assured of a hero's welcome when he returns from Beijing later this month.

Here's hoping his medal-winning exploits can be emulated by other Team GB competitors and his colleagues from Kent in the days to come.

OPINION:

Education's not mapped out

TONY PATEY navigates around some increasingly unpopular subjects that could teach us all a lesson about the world



TO JOURNALISTS, economics is sexy – it makes headlines every day. Geography is all about the world around us – even if you can't read a map, I bet you have a sense of place and your own environment.

Yet, in schools these two subjects are becoming endangered species in the white (and black) board jungle, while economics flowers mainly at university level. Why, at a time when what's going on in the world impacts on all our daily lives?

Is it cultural? In other words, we couldn't care less what happens in the rest of the world – a perception underlined by the lack of foreign news coverage in our mass market newspapers.

Or is there something wrong with our priorities within education? I suspect the latter.

The latest yearly figures about students entering teaching show that only three – yes, just three – economics teachers were trained in the whole of England, compared with 84 the previous year, and 751 in geography, compared with 813 the year before.

The report's author, Professor Alan Smithers, of the University of Buckingham's Centre for Education and Employment Research said economics risks dying out as a school subject.

I taught economics for many years at an international college

in Cambridge, and the foreign students perceived the subject to be very important.

They were willing to pay good money to learn it, and I'd bet that's why there'll always be university economics departments.

This is reflected in the numbers of students taking pre-university exams. While the number taking economics at GCSE has halved since 2001, the number taking A-levels has remained about the same – the international effect again.

However, in geography both the numbers taking GCSE and A-level have fallen by one-sixth. And many universities are completely axing or cutting back their geography departments. Interestingly, it's not very popular with international students.

Geography, at least, is part of the National Curriculum to age 14, but economics is not even in it.

So, what's the problem? Prof Smithers says economics is a difficult subject, requiring a strong

grasp of mathematics, but that's true only in the upper levels.

And I speak from experience, although I trained as a geography teacher I ended up teaching mainly economics, business studies and media studies. I learnt my economics 'on the job' starting as a City reporter on a national newspaper just as the global economy went into freefall when oil prices surged four-fold in 1973.

Teachers haven't helped themselves – I hate to say this, but too many do as they're told rather than protest, although the SATs cock-up may give them a wake-up call. As a result, large chunks of geography are now taught in physics and chemistry, and economics tends to get lumped in with business studies.

Economics was called 'the dismal science' by Victorian historian Thomas Carlyle – but that was after reading the grim population and food predictions of the Reverend Thomas Robert

Malthus, which, frankly, is enough to make anyone put his or her head in the oven.

Dismal it ain't, if taught properly – and recently there's been a move to get away from highly theoretical themes and look at what actually happens in the marketplace from ethical and political points of view.

I put forward that idea at a top-level conference of economists at Cambridge in 2003. At the time it was quite radical, but it was well-received. (Email me for a copy of the paper).

In geography, the internet and instant communications have probably taken away most of the 'wow' factor, but there are still basic skills needed for town planning, environmental engineering and navigation – if the sat nav packs up or you're cut off in your boat at sea you need to know what to do.

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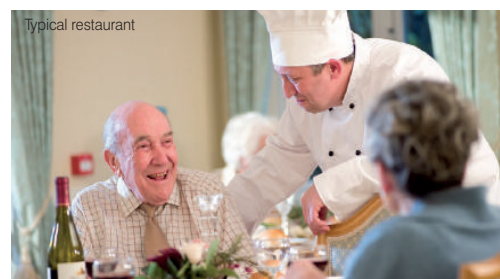
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Back off Gordon Brown

Yet again Mr Granger of West Malling vents his spleen against our Prime Minister.

I think we have all got the message, he doesn't like the Labour Party.

It would be sad if Mr Granger is under the impression that everyone shares his puerile opinions, so I say, keep going Gordon, you are the lad for us.

The Tory press spent years lying about Mr Blair (because he was one of three great Prime Ministers of the 20th century) and now every day you read rubbish and innuendo about Mr Brown just because he is Labour, (though not Labour enough for my taste)

I have nothing against Mr Cameron.

If he can keep the usual Tory nutcases at bay he will do very well as PM (though I support Mr Brown, I can't see him winning the next election because of the afore-mentioned slanders against him).

*Helen Jerse
Faversham*

Alternative policing idea for the climate camp

There was really no need for the police to be heavy handed at the climate camp, all they had to do was collect the protestors' personal details and inform them, if they did not behave then their benefits would be stopped.

That would virtually guarantee 90 per cent of the camp would be empty by the evening.

*PJE Pepper
Ramsgate*

Donkey field of dreams

No donkeys on Margate's beach they say it's sad. Yes sad for the donkeys if they have to go back. Let's hope no one takes them on.

I have never seen a happy donkey. Plodding up and down hot sands on a hot day with a child on its back, its not natural.

They just want to be in a nice green field.

*D Ashdown
Rochester*

Stop the abuse of our European neighbours

If Dr Johnson had put nationalism instead of patriotism in his famous aphorism about the last refuge of the scoundrel I think he would have been far more to the point. There's nothing wrong with patriotism but a lot wrong with nationalism.

Do UKIP people have any policy other than the abuse of our Continental neighbours? A correspondent this week supports the witterings about freedom contributed by a correspondent the previous week. All because they allege that MPs pay no attention to their obsession. I wonder why? Perhaps Messrs Moore and Thompson would like to list all the freedom they claim have been filched from us by wicked Brussels bureaucrats?

Mr Thompson tells us he lived through 1940 and claims (preposterously) that we are in as much danger now as during that dreadful period, as Brussels plunders our freedoms. He is of course talking through his hat. I too remember 1940. I was 17 and joined the Home Guard before call-up the following year. I remember pedalling off on

my bike to Home Guard duty with the enemy at our gates and expecting invasion anytime. Today I totter down the town with no such terrible thoughts happy to be in a united Europe at peace at long last.

The enemy never came of course solely because of the Channel. Our army in disarray after Dunkirk, even the bravest of the brave backed by young lads and old men armed with Great War American rifles could have prevented the enemy laying our country waste.

We English have many wonderful attributes. One of our major failings is arrogance and pride always comes before a fall. There is still much to be admired in Britain today, but plenty which is pretty disgusting.

If UKIP want a scapegoat why not blame IT. Admirable in many ways, it has now become so sophisticated as to be a menace. A little cooperation with our European friends would not come a miss.

*Bill Pyton
Minister*

God's word is final

The problems in the Anglican Church are of their own making. Complications only arise when people start adding their own interpretations and requirements! (KoS August 10).

God's commandments, repeated many times through the Bible for clarity, were reiterated by his son Jesus Christ and his disciples. They are clear and unambiguous.

They are not up for negotiation, alteration or modernisation! God hasn't suddenly decided to

become new age, altering his laws to accommodate the way people now wish to think.

In essence we are the same as people were thousands of years ago, with exactly the same problems, needing exactly the same solutions and our Creator knows this.

The Anglican Church has taken it upon itself to supposedly teach those of lesser understanding, how to find and worship God, so they therefore have a very serious duty to teach people the truth.

Not Pagan fairy stories, not their own versions of God's word, not what they wish God's commandments were, but the truth! Jesus said only the truth will make us free. John 8:31-32.

They would find life to be a lot easier if they faithfully followed God's word and told others who wish to serve themselves, they have no place in a Christian organisation, but as this Church was formed to serve the Establishment before God, I won't be holding my breath!

*Phil Granger
West Malling*

Leave Afghanistan now

Jamie McGinnes' article applauding the 'remarkable job' British troops have done in Afghanistan (KoS, August 10) was short-sighted and gave a false impression of the impact of military occupation there.

Without raising any doubt about the bravery and integrity of our soldiers serving in the Middle East, it must be said that the internal situation in Afghanistan is both disastrous and of little concern to London or Washington.

Academic and Middle Eastern expert Gilbert Achcar has written that the human rights situation "is certainly not much better off now than it used to be under the Taliban" adding that in most regions women still suffer "intolerable oppression". (Perilous Power, 2007)

The Northern Alliance, with US and UK backing have now regained control in Afghanistan after being overthrown in 1996

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BUCKLAND

Shelly and Chris Buckland celebrate the birth of their daughter Chloe Michelle Buckland on 1st August 2008 weighing 7lb 13oz.

CHATFIELD

Melissa and Dave of Ramsgate are delighted to announce the birth of their son Samuel David, born on 3rd August 2008 at QEQM Hospital. Brother to Connor.

CICCONE

Adam and Clare are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Sophia Rose, born on 3rd August 2008 at the William Harvey Hospital Ashford weighing 7lb. A sister for Lola.

COLE

Claire and Nigel are delighted to announce the arrival of Elliot George Peter, born on 26th July weighing 7lb 12oz, a beautiful and much loved son and brother for Alexander.

COYSTON

Lilly Coyston born to proud parents Chris and Sue on 19th July 2008 weighing 9lb 1oz. Sister to Zoe and Mikie.

DONOGHUE

Damien and Yvonne Donoghue of Chipstead are delighted to announce the birth of their son Rory Patrick Donoghue born 8th August 2008 weighing 6lb 15oz.

EDWARDS

Olivia Grace born 29th July 2008 to proud parents Graham and Rebecca.

ELLIOTT

Summer Louise born on 7th August 2008, weighing 5lb 9oz. Daughter to Neil and Gemma in Maidstone.

FOUNTAIN

Emily Ruby Ann born on 1st August 2008 at William Harvey Hospital Ashford weighing 6lb. Daughter of Jamie Fountain and Caroline Lamb and a little sister for Caden from Sheldwich.

FOYSTER

Dean and Donna of Gravesend are proud to announce the birth of their son Charlie William Foyster born on 3rd August 2008 weighing 7lb 15oz.

HARRIS

Vincent Jack born to proud parents Peter and Carly on 3rd August 2008 weighing 7lb 9oz.

HEALY-ROBERTS

Ella Louise born on 7th August 2008, weighing 7lb 7oz. Daughter to Serena and Christopher of Ramsgate

HENDERSON

Scott and Philippa Henderson of Sevenoaks are proud to announce the birth of their first son Daniel Thomas George Henderson born 20th July 2008 weighing 7lb 5oz.

HODGSON

Kelly and Christopher of Ramsgate are delighted to announce the birth of their son Ethan Harry, born on 3rd August 2008 at QEQM Hospital, Margate. You are the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

KNOWLER

Lucy is delighted to announce the birth of her beautiful baby daughter Tayla Paige Knowler born on 7th August 2008 weighing 6lb 15oz

MILLS

Adam and Hayley are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Darcy Summer, born on 7th August 2008, weighing 9lb 3oz.

MORNINGTON-MCWHINNEY

Ross Mornington and Ceri McWhinney of Rochester celebrate the birth of their son Boyd Ally on 26th July 2008, weighing 9lb 2oz.

MUSGUIN

Harriet Anne born on 26th July 2008 weighing 5lb 10oz son to Daniel Musguin and Nicola Acres in Darenth.

NEWMAN-COUSINS

Peter and Amanda of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their daughter Scarlett Rose on 13th July 2008.

O'DONNELL

Scott and Clare and Riley O'Donnell would like to celebrate the birth of their baby daughter and sister Summer Ellie O'Donnell born on 6th August 2008.

PATEL

Jagruti and Digant of Broadstairs are delighted to announce the birth of their son Vedant Digant, born on 20th July 2008 at QEQM Hospital, Margate.

PEARSON

Alfred William David born on 27th July 2008 to proud parents Eddie and Kelly weighing 7lbs 12oz. A babbling brother for Maia.

PETTY

Luke and Nicola are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Emma Louise born on 8th August 2008 weighing 8lb 12oz.

ROBINSON

Alison and Michael of Ramsgate are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Delilah Jean, born on 10th August 2008 at QEQM Hospital Margate.

ROWLAND-HILL

Harriet Anne born on 27th July 2008, weighing 7lb 11oz. Daughter to Ian and Nicki of Bearsted.

SCOTT

Latisha Scott born 04/08/08 weighing 6lb 13oz. Daughter to Simon and Kerry and sister to Robbie and Dylan in Dover Kent.

SHOWERS

Ben and Jennie Showers of Otford are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Willow Showers born 3rd August 2008 weighing 6lb 4oz.

WADE

Russell and Clare are delighted to announce the birth of their son Mark Alexander on 27th July 2008 Weighing 5lb 9oz.

WAGHORN

Ella Lily, born to proud parents James and Georgina of Tunbridge Wells on 1st August 2008 at 5:15pm weighing 6lb 6oz.

WHARMBY

Cherry Martina born on 9th August 2008, weighing 6lbs 14ozs. Daughter to Asha and Peter of Ramsgate. Sister for Dylan and Alexia-Rae.

DEATHS

BALL

Nellie Amelia Ball died peacefully in hospital on 5th August 2008 aged 102. Family flowers. All donations for Stroke unit QEQM hospital to Cavells.

CALDON

Iris Caldon of Borough Green passed away peacefully after a short illness on 9th August 2008 aged 81. Will now be joining her beloved Arthur.

DISNEY

John George Disney of Lynsted passed away peacefully after a long illness on 7th August 2008. A much loved husband and father who will be greatly missed by all who knew him. The funeral service is to take place at St Peter and St Pauls, Lynsted on 21st August at 10.45. Private committal at Bobbing Crematorium, Sittingbourne. Welcome to attend the church service. Family flowers only but if desired donations to Groundworks Kent and Medway c/o Funeral Care, Sittingbourne 01795 423904.

GUNN

David Michael Gunn of Ringswood died peacefully on 31st July 2008.

LAMBERT

Lambert Syd. Died peacefully at home in Herne Bay after a long and courageous struggle on 6th August 2008. Dearly loved husband of Jean, loving father of Sue and Denise, step-father of Alan, Kevin, Ian and Nikki, grandpa of Sam, Matthew, James, Danny, Chris, Rachel, Joe, Melanie, Nina and Edward and great-grandpa of Joshua. Always remembered, close within our hearts. With love and affection,

WARNE

Yvonne Mary Warne passed away on 3rd August 2008 at Kent and Canterbury Hospital. Funeral service at Canterbury Cathedral at 3 pm on Monday 18th August 2008. Flowers or donations to Macmillan Cancer Support to C W Lyons and Sons 17 Military Road Canterbury.

for as long as time will last. The service took place on Wednesday 13th August 2008 at Barham Crematorium at 12.40 pm. Donations if desired, to The Stroke Association c/o A Welch and Sons 96 Station Road, Herne Bay, Kent CT6 5QB. Special thanks for the loving care given by the staff of Home Service Complete Care.

MORGAN

Kenneth John of Headcorn, formerly of Staplehurst, passed away on the 12th August 2008. Funeral service to be held at Vinters Park Crematorium on 2nd September at 1.15pm. All enquiries to Sears Funeral Service in Barming on 01622 725035. To live in the hearts of those left behind is to live forever.

TERRY

Doris May passed away on 11th August 2008 in her 100th year. Loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and friend. Funeral enquiries to Horlocks Funeral Services Northfleet.

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by the Taliban. The irony is that the Northern Alliance rule with a very reactionary and oppressive brand of Islamic fundamentalism which is at least as bad as, if not worse than that of the Taliban. The Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan put it best: "The US created a government from those people responsible for massacres".

Human Rights Watch have listed raping, looting and burning of houses as just a few of the many breaches of international law carried out by the Northern Alliance. The impression of Afghanistan we are so often given by mainstream media is of towns occupied with a heavy NATO presence with buzz words such as 'improvement' and 'progress' dominating. But for the regions under the control of the Northern Alliance warlords (which constitute most of the country) there is little coverage.

When reporters talk of the war against the Taliban "being won" by English and American troops they would do well to heed Gilbert Achcar's assertion that "the United States, by its presence in Afghanistan is presently fueling the Taliban's comeback... US troops are deeply resented and hated by a major section of the Afghan population". It is safe to assume that the same applies to British troops.

The invasion of Afghanistan was an atrocious crime. In November, 2001, the Afghan opposition leader Abdul Haq bitterly condemned the bombings in an interview with the Guardian stating that there was a real chance that the Taliban could have been overthrown from within and that the invasion was undermining those efforts. More atrocious than that, an article in International Security was published stating "because humanitarian aid was disrupted by US military strikes, millions of Afghans are at risk of starvation".

In light of what has been mentioned above I find it positively obscene to applaud our occupation of the wartorn Afghan nation. Whatever small regional victories may have

been won it remains the case that the initial invasion was unnecessary and entirely immoral and our continued presence is a cause of violence not a solution to it. The fact that the insurgency have switched from conventional fighting to suicide bombings indicates only that achieving peace and preventing civilian casualties will be even more difficult in the future and is in no way indicative of a 'victory' for Britain.

A military presence has been made necessary in Afghanistan but the US and the UK should not be part of that. The only responsibility we have is to do what the indigenous population wants (and that is for Britain and the USA to leave) and to pay massive reparations to help rebuild the country. If the welfare of the Afghan people was a priority for London and Washington then there would be a truly democratic government in place rather than a group of warlords.

The anti-war movement is demanding 'troops out' but the strategic gains involved are too great for policymakers to worry about human rights.

Joshua Carroll
Tunbridge Wells

Set our island free

Thanet is for tourism not China Gateway which will not bring lots of employment, which the council would have us believe.

If the council would think about the geography of Thanet - Westwood Cross would not have been built - our towns could have had a re-vamp with the tourism attractions coming first. When it rains where do visitors go? They do not want to get in their cars to look at shops but to venues close to the beaches.

If China Gateway gets the go ahead our roads will be in gridlock with lorries transporting goods 365 days a year 24 hours a day! Think about the residents in Acol, Woodchurch and Birchington.

It is quality of life we should be thinking about with conservation and preservation of our valuable land and existing assets.

In 10 years' time a lot of the current greedy

decision makers could be dead and what a legacy for our children! It is time the two-legged donkeys in our council chambers left.

They are not listening to the electorate. Give us back our island - hey folks how about devolution for Thanet?

Jean Wisker
By email

Renewables are the way

Nigel Farage is completely wrong (Opinion, August 10). The main route to dealing with our energy needs to become energy efficient.

Energy demand in this country could easily be cut by 20 per cent and up to 50 per cent is possible.

This is the quickest and easiest way to reduce household energy bills, through insulation, and to improve the use of energy in both private and public sectors.

We can deploy solar water heating units and solar panels for schools and hospitals as well, to reduce the energy bills in these sectors.

Renewables can supply all our energy needs from diverse sources, as a number of recent reports have shown. Kent has enormous potential to supply sustainable biomass for creating gas to reduce natural gas imports.

Offshore wind farms can supply up to eight times the electricity the UK uses now, since the British Isles has the best potential for wind power in Europe.

If we combine this with measures such as tidal and river barrages, wider use of ground source heat pumps, battery storage of renewably-generated electricity, changing over from petrol and diesel vehicles to electric, compressed air and biofuel driven ones, making solar tiles a standard roofing material, reclaiming used cooking oil as a fuel and ensuring all new buildings are energy self-sufficient, then there is no conceivable barrier to carbon free energy meeting all our needs all year round.

Iceland meets 76 per cent of its energy demand from renewables; Austria gets 78 per cent of its electricity from renewables.

There are no coal-fired power stations in

the world using carbon capture and storage.

This is neither a proven nor is it a costly technology. Given our need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions rapidly to avoid dangerous climate change, we cannot build a coal-fired power station at Kingsnorth.

And we do not need to, as there are so many other safer ways to meet our energy needs.

Just as the private sector is committed to building the London Array wind farm in the Thames Estuary, it will bear the bulk of spending on other offshore wind farms because it is profitable, so Mr Farage's claim of £100 billion of public spending on offshore wind farms is inaccurate.

He should bear in mind that all coal and nuclear power stations built in this country to date have been built using public funds, and extra subsidies in the case of coal.

Offshore wind can generate electricity at half the cost of that possible by new nuclear stations.

And a new coal-fired power station at Kingsnorth would use imported coal, which is bad for our balance of payments.

Mr Farage's approach is to deny the UK the employment and environmental benefits of energy efficiency and renewable energy, which is very much against the national interest.

Steve Dawe
Kent Green Party
Tonbridge

High cost of clean coal

The idea that 'the lights will go out' unless we have the Kingsnorth power station or nuclear power is not right:

- Nuclear power stations and 'clean' coal-fired power stations cannot be built quickly enough to fill the supposed 'energy gap'.

- Most renewable sources of power are quick to build. And there are more than enough of them to meet UK needs (see www.mng.org.uk/gh/spreadsheet.html).

The idea that renewables are 'too expensive' is not right:

- Although carbon capture and storage (CCS) has not yet been demonstrated on any

power station, it is likely that 'clean' coal will prove to be one of the most expensive sources of electricity.

- When all the environmental and hidden costs are factored in, nuclear power is one of the most expensive sources of electricity (see www.mng.org.uk/gb/no_nukes.htm).

Here is a way of safeguarding against any possibility of a temporary shortfall in electricity supplies:

- The Government should introduce a vigorous programme of 'zero-carbon eco-renovation' of existing buildings as described on www.mng.org.uk/gb/ecorenovation.htm. Germany already has a programme of eco-renovation to bring existing buildings as close as possible to the 'passivhaus' standard.

- Since most buildings are heated by gas, this would mean large savings in the amount of gas that the UK is using for heating.

- If there is any shortfall in electricity supplies, some of the gas that has been saved by eco-renovation may be used for generating electricity.

- Naturally, any gas that is used in that way should be burned in combine-heat-and-power units (CHP) to make maximum use of waste heat from electricity generation.

The Stern report has made it clear that we must start spending money now to avoid much larger costs later. Renewables with energy conservation are the way forward.

*Dr Gerry Wolff PhD Ceng
By email*

Looking to the river

Quite sad to see all those protesters out doing what they usually do. They really have little idea about what should really be happening in the Medway area and are just the usual bunch of travelling parasites.

E.ON will build whatever they want but realistically there is something far better sitting right along side the plant. Its called the River Medway. We should be encouraging the government to press for environmentally friendly generation methods such as river barrages rather than old and outdated coal.

We cannot expect E.ON to take us seriously if all we do is stamp around in a field.

This requires a level of planning and costing that makes using coal short sighted.

Medway has an ideal situation in that it has a water resource that could be used and a need for another river crossing to reduce the stress on the roads in and around the towns.

Why not use some joined up thinking for a change?

*Dave Tutt
Chatham*

Tourism also-rans

I hope that your optimism regarding the future of Kent's tourism is not misplaced ('Tourism feels the benefit of bad economic climate', August 10), but I fear that we are definitely playing in the lower league.

Having returned recently from a holiday in Switzerland, where tourism is a top priority, it comes hard having to accept the slovenly standards offered here. On Sunday, in Tenterden, we wanted a snack so we looked in at a cafe, only to see the young staff drinking out of cans. We took our business elsewhere.

It is a frequent occurrence that people are served by a member of staff who is either holding a conversation with a colleague or with another customer. While being served, a customer should have undivided attention.

Pubs often seem to be staffed by individuals who appear to have neither manners nor a bath. Many shops use young staff, probably because they are cheaper than adults, but a consequence is that they are unable to advise about the goods they are trying to sell.

In restaurants, I am amazed at the number of times that I am served before my wife is. Ladies should always be served first. The English language is so rich, so why, in heaven's name, should it be necessary to address people as 'Hi, Guy's'. Have the young lost all sense of decorum?

Until we deal with basic manners and competence on the part of staff, we will never be anything but also-rans in the tourism business, because the lack of standards undermines everything else.

*Michael K. Baldwin
Sittingbourne*

Like the Bible or lump it

In your article, you quote Bishop Robinson as having said that "a 21st century church should be inclusive to all those who would wish to be part of it". He is correct. If there is a God, He is for all people everywhere, no matter what race, colour, sex, religion or none.

However, anyone professing to be a 'Christian', should read the Bible and take note of what it says. Even some atheists believe what it says in the Bible, they just chose to not accept it.

Obviously our best can never be good enough when compared to a Holy, Omniscient, Omnipresent and Omnipotent God, so if there is a 'Holy' God, and if He has given us writings to learn from, we cannot just pick and chose the parts we like and throw out the rest. (That includes the miracles - they may not be scientifically

proveable, but if there is a God, surely the very fact that He is God means that He can do miracles).

The Bible is quite specific in what we should and shouldn't do. If something is 'an abomination' to God, then that's all there is to it. Both I, Bishop Robinson, and everyone else who has ever lived (will ever live), will have to answer to God one day. Rank, Position or 'good deeds' will not get us in to Heaven.

I am not a theologian, I do not think myself as particularly intelligent, but I can read, and, to a degree, understand what I'm reading. The Bible states that God is "the same yesterday, today, and forever", therefore for the Bishop to say that the Bible needs to be re-interpreted is just feeble.

If people do not like what it says in the Bible, they can either ignore it or take it up with the author! (But I think He'll have the last word - don't you ?).

*Richard Chester
By email*

Margate's honeypot

Belatedly filling in the Arlington planning brief survey (they are still being accepted), I found myself offering suggestions to resurrect Margate.

Improve Arlington House? Yes, by demolishing it. And replace it with something like the BT Tower, providing a revolving restaurant and a birdseye view of the French coastline, etc. Or another London Eye. It would be a darn sight more cost effective than the Turner white elephant, which will never attract the type of day-trippers who come to Margate - even when it's raining!

Emphasizing Margate's sea links, a sea-life centre would be fine but not enough. What the town needs is a major maritime attraction, a 'honeypot' to get the crowds swarming back. Right now that attraction is sitting somewhere deep in the local ships' graveyard known as the Goodwin Sands - waiting to be raised and displayed a la Mary Rose.

Naturally the project would cost a fortune to implement and take years.

But it would demonstrate TDC's commitment to Margate's future and would eventually, I believe, deliver the kind of treasure the town is hungering for.

*John Repsch
Birchington*

Ukip's sour pollution

I was delighted to read Mr Farage's article on Britain's energy supply.

It shows that contrary to popular opinion

his party does not only stand for forsaking Europe and distrusting foreigners but also for coal and its inevitable pollution.

Two attractive planks to help Britain totter through the 21st century: sour politics and pollution! Well done Ukip!

*Ben Startup
Canterbury*

Threat from ragwort

Many supporters have contacted us recently to voice their concerns about ragwort, which is blooming at the moment. As every horse owner and farmer knows, ragwort contains toxins which can have debilitating or fatal consequences if eaten by horses and other grazing animals.

Ragwort has its place in the countryside; it supports a wide variety of invertebrates and is a major nectar source for many insects, but it must be controlled, especially where there are horses and livestock. Land stewardship and animal husbandry are both huge responsibilities and I know that they are taken seriously by farmers, but it is important that the dangers posed by ragwort reach the widest possible audience.

There is a growing concern that some public bodies who own land, such as local authorities, are not taking the problem seriously and managing their land appropriately, but there is no excuse; a code of practice on how to stop the spread of ragwort is available from Defra.

The Countryside Alliance will be writing to all local authorities and other bodies in the coming weeks to remind them that they have a duty to control ragwort on their land and must be vigilant, especially where their land abuts farmland.

The threat ragwort poses to animals cannot be underestimated and is something that all landowners, whether public or private, must take seriously.

*Simon Hart
Chief Executive
Countryside Alliance
London*

Space at a premium

Why blame water companies for not keeping up with Noo Labour's manic house building programme, nobody can keep up.

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Students will have the opportunity to create a book of images using traditional book-binding techniques while staying in a traditional French art school.

The course starts on September 1. For more information call 0845 606 5606 or visit www.kent.gov.uk/adulted.

Journalism degree taps into the multimedia age

By STEVE KNIGHT

THE journalism industry has seen many changes during the last decade and a new course at Canterbury Christ Church University is embracing them all.

Modern advances such as digital photography, email and the internet have changed the way reporters carry out their day-to-day working lives, and course leaders took this on board when planning the BA (Hons) multimedia journalism degree.

David Bradshaw, head of the university's media department, is a former BBC North Africa correspondent and writer for The Economist.

He said: "Most courses require students to focus on print or broadcast journalism."

"But our course gives students the chance to build a much broader skill set, developing professional skills in print, radio, television

and online journalism in all three years of the programme. This responds to the way the profession is moving and gives graduates greater flexibility when applying for jobs."

The degree programme has been designed to meet the criteria of the three main journalism bodies: the National Council for the Training of Journalists, the Broadcast Journalism Training Council and the Periodicals Training Council.

Mr Bradshaw said: "The programme will also develop students' critical thinking and academic skills and provide a valuable foundation for other media professions, including PR and advertising, as well as a wide range of traditional graduate-level jobs."

Modules covered on the course will include news and features, law and ethics, public affairs, media and politics and more.

Teeline shorthand sessions and work experience will also form part of the programme, which has strong links with media groups including the BBC and Sky.

Director Kate Kavanagh, a former BBC radio journalist, said: "Professional skills will be taught by practising journalists in a purpose-built multimedia newsroom and in professionally-equipped television and radio studios."

"Workshops will replicate a professional working environment, with students working individually or in teams under direction."

Entry requirements for the BA (Hons) multimedia journalism course are BCC at A-level.

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The 36-year-old mature student is now going on to study for a masters degree in physiotherapy.

She said: "I can remember feeling absolutely terrible

on my first day of lectures. I came away with a massive headache, thinking, 'What am I doing here?' Still, I knew then that I just had to get on with it."

"It has been tough but I received plenty of support from lecturers and other university services, which I needed more than ever by the end of my first year when I faced a difficult time at home."

"The student finance team was also brilliant. There is a wealth of support available, from help funding childcare, to grants for

adult learning. Juggling full-time study with finances, children and a home is tough, but when you are passionate about something it doesn't matter what challenges you face."

She said as a chartered physiotherapist she wanted to work in the NHS to "give something back to the community".

The university offered her a place on the course after she told how before she had children she worked as a private investigator and later became a fitness instructor.

Education pays dividends

FOR every £1 a student at Mid-Kent College invests into their education they receive a further £3.50 in their future income, a new study reveals, *writes Lexy Payne*.

The report also shows the county's economy benefits to the tune of £119.8 million a year as a result of the college carrying out its day-to-day business.

The Socio-Economic Impact Study was carried out at 157 colleges, including Mid-Kent College that was found to have a financial benefit for taxpayers and the local economy.

The college receives £24 million of funding from the public every year; the study reveals that seven per cent of all taxpayers' annual investment in the

college could be returned in real money.

American consultants Economic Modeling Specialists Incorporated carried out the study. The firm assessed colleges to show the financial benefits, not only for students but also for local businesses and the economy.

The results of the study come as no surprise for the principal and chief executive of Mid-Kent College, Stephen Grix. "The work we do makes a real difference," he said.

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For an application form contact: KCA (UK) Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT. Tel: 01795 590635, Fax: 01795 539351, Email recruitment@kca.org.uk, website www.kca.org.uk

Closing date: 5th September 2008

Interview date for all posts: 16th & 22nd September

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Variable hours

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T1353

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KCC Tutor - Food Hygiene

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T1352

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The closing date for the receipt of all completed application forms for the above vacancies is 5pm on Wednesday 3rd September 2008.

For further information, including salary details and an application pack for the above vacancies please contact the Human Resources Department on either 0845 207 8222 (24 hour answerphone), email: humanresources@southkent.ac.uk or visit www.southkent.ac.uk

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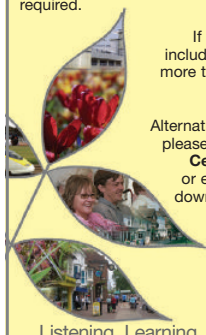
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of the best Colleges by 2010. To support this, the College has been
undergoing a £50 million re-development, which opened in January 2008.
We are now developing plans for Phase 3, for completion in 2012.

International Manager	08/111
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £32,808 per annum	
Head of Faculty Higher Education	08/112
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £40,821 per annum	
Quality and Innovation Manager	08/113
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £36,365 per annum	
Section Manager Dental, Nursing, Social Care & Counselling	06/110
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £32,808 per annum	
Lecturer Teacher Education	08/114
7.4 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 – £25,545 pro rata per annum	
Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas:	
Various hours available, salary range £17,816 – £25,545 pro rata per annum	
Public Services	S/PS
Key Skills: Application of Number and ICT within Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Care	S/KS
Drama Teachers to teach on vocational BTEC Diploma courses in Performing Arts levels 1 – 3.	S/Drama
Performing Arts – to teach on vocational BTEC Diploma courses levels 1 – 3	S/PA
Theatre Production Arts – to teach: Scenic Design, Costume Design, Lighting Design, Stage Management,	S/TP
HR Advisors	08/119
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,375 per annum	
Pensions & Benefits Clerk	08/118
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £16,364 per annum	
HR Administrator	08/121
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,535 per annum	
International Administrator	08/115
18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum	
Train to Gain Administrator	08/116
18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum	
Project Co-ordinator – College Redevelopment	08/117
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,375 per annum	
Supply Trainer Demonstrator with skills in one or more Stage Craft techniques: Props, Set Construction, Stage Lighting and Sound	S/TD
Various hours available, salary starting from £18,375 pro rata per annum	

For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the
Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone)
quoting the post reference.

The closing date for the above posts is Thursday 21 August 2008 at 12 noon.

Staff benefits include:

- Pensions and Life Assurance Scheme
- Sports Hall and Gym
- Proximity to Mainbus / Train Stations
- Generous Holiday Allowance
- Close to City Centre
- Staff Discount Scheme



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Business Development Executive**£24,168 - £27,844 rising to approx £30k with OTE****37 Hours, 52 weeks per year**

Generating important business for the college, you will develop existing and new clients through proactive sales activity as part of an existing successful and established team. As well as acting as a key presence at major sales and industry events, there is also a strong relationship management side to the role, and you'll be expected to bring a proven track record of key account management to the position.

To meet the challenge of making our new business capacity more robust than ever before, we require you to have sharp negotiating skills, confident presenting ability together with good experience of generating income and customer accounts.

The benefits in joining us are immense: generous annual leave; flexible working hours; lots of support including an on-site nursery; final salary pension and more.

For further details, a job description and an application form, please contact the HR department on 01732 376511 or email hr-dept@wkc.ac.uk

Closing date: 12noon Thursday 21 August 2008.

Brook Street • Tonbridge • Kent TN9 2PW

Gravesham
Borough Council**Communities
Community Safety****Partnership Liaison Officer****Salary: Circa £18,000 pa****Fixed term contract until 31 March 2010.**

The Dartford and Gravesham Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) are looking to recruit a Partnership Liaison Officer. The postholder will support the work of the Partnership by monitoring and checking the progress of CDRP initiatives, providing administrative support to CDRP and its Gravesham-based sub-groups, acting as a link and communicating information between partner agencies and assisting in the delivery of community safety and crime reduction projects.

Good communication skills, both oral and written are essential as is some understanding of community safety and associated legislation and multi-agency working.

This is an ideal opportunity for someone with a keen interest in the community safety/crime reduction field who can offer commitment and enthusiasm to this interesting role. **Ref: PLO/KD**

Closing date: 18 August 2008

For an application form and job description please contact:
Personnel Department, Gravesham Borough Council, Civic Centre,
Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU.

Telephone: 01474 33 70 00
Email: customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk
Website: www.gravesham.gov.uk

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Serving You

Medway is the only unitary council in Kent, and serves a population of around a quarter of a million – the biggest urban area east of London. Easily accessible and located between London and the continent, Medway is an ambitious, bustling and thriving place to live and work.

The Private Sector Housing Team provides the full range of traditional private sector services including all aspects of HHSRS, HMO licensing, empty properties etc. We are looking to recruit new team members that are self-motivated innovative and enthusiastic to help us develop a team to meet the new challenges for private sector housing.

Environmental Housing Team Leader**(Ref: CA0149D)****Grade B2. Salary £26,067 – £33,291 per annum.****(Pay award pending) 37 hours per week.**

Taking the lead with one of three the teams within the private sector housing team you will be using regulation, enforcement and partnership working on a wide range of issues including HMO licensing, enforcement, HHSRS assessments to improve housing conditions for all private sector residents.

You will have considerable experience in the field of private sector housing and may be either looking for your first supervisory position, or a newly qualified Environmental Health Officer looking for your first post qualification position.

Private Sector Housing Technicians – 2 posts**(Ref: CA0150D)****Grade C2. Salary £18,907 – £25,320 per annum.****(Pay award pending) 37 hours per week.**

Dealing with a wide range of service requests on an area basis, you will help members of the public to live in accommodation that meets their needs. You will have a working knowledge of housing legislation and associated enforcement, including detailed knowledge and certified competency in carrying out HHSRS assessments.

For all of the above posts you will need excellent communication skills and have the ability to be an effective team member whilst still having the autonomy to work using your own initiative. All of the roles are varied and interesting and the successful applicants will have the opportunity to assist in developing and improving the service. Medway is committed to the development of its officers and we offer a supportive environment for you to build on your existing skills and realise your full potential.

In addition to the usual range of benefits that one would expect working in local government, Medway Council are also offering a golden hello incentive of £3,000 if you are new to Medway Council.

For an informal discussion about any of these roles, please contact Susan Pledger on 01634 333009 or email: susan.pledger@medway.gov.uk

Closing date for all these posts is 22 August 2008.

All posts will be open to part-time and job share applicants unless designated as an exception.

For an application pack or to apply visit www.medway.gov.uk or phone 01634 333333 Mon to Fri 8am – 8pm, Sat 9am – 1pm or 01634 332843 24-hour answerphone.

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But to do this, we need a strong, competent, world class team, which is where you come in. We're looking for people to help us realise our vision:

To help people live longer, healthier lives, to reduce health inequalities dramatically, and provide better care for all. Ultimately, we want to provide a truly personal and flexible service to our community. Only by achieving these objectives shall we become a world class commissioning organisation.

Each role will require you to stretch your understanding, and demonstrate a strong knowledge in the specific area of the business.

Overall, our journey to become a world class commissioning organisation is a great opportunity to take your career to the next level. So join the NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent and be recognised as the leaders of the NHS, locally.

Lead Commissioner:

Community Equipment & Transport Programme Support Manager Band 7 £29,091 - £38,352 pa
Band 6 £24,103 - £32,653 pa

Provider Development:

Estates Development Manager x 2 Band 7 £29,091 - £38,352 pa
Estates Development Officer Band 5 £20,225 - £26,123 pa
Estates Administrator x 2 Band 4 £17,316 - £20,818 pa
Provider Development Manager Band 7 £29,091 - £38,352 pa
Provider Development Facilitator Band 6 £24,103 - £32,653 pa
Provider Development Officer Band 4 £17,316 - £20,818 pa
Provider Development Assistant Band 3 £14,834 - £17,732 pa

Clinical Directorate:

Clinical Quality Manager x 2 Band 7 £29,091 - £38,352 pa

Citizen Engagement and Communications:

"Health Matters" Group co-ordinator Band 6 £24,103 - £32,653 pa
Equality and Diversity Officer Band 6 £24,103 - £32,653 pa

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Accountancy

Accounting Technicians

Whitstable

Salary: Starting salary £20,061
Closing Date: 12th September 2008.

An exciting opportunity to be part of the Trading & Contract Management Unit within CFE Finance has arisen with a number of vacancies for Accounting Technicians. You will have good communication, organisational and IT skills to support schools via the provision of contracted financial support packages. You will be responsible for delivering a range of monitoring and budget planning support, as well as the annual closing of accounts and the provision of generic financial advice and guidance to both Kent and Medway schools. A knowledge of SIMS FMSG accounting package would be beneficial. The ability to travel across a wide geographical area in a timely and flexible manner at various times of the day is also required. Please quote reference number.

To apply/more information:
Kent County Council
Quoting Job Ref: CFE/08/0376
Tel: 0845 8247904
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk

Administration, Secretarial, PA

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS x 2

Faversham

Salary: £16,217 - £18,430 (pay award pending) (SCP 17-21)
Closing Date: 5th Sept 08

You will assist the Administrator in entering full and accurate data on to the client databases. The role also includes liaising with Service Centre staff regarding data queries, sending out mail merge letters from the database, and regularly auditing the databases to ensure the integrity of the data. This role requires a high degree of meticulousness.

To apply/more information:
KCA (UK)
Quoting Job Ref: REF: 505
Tel: 01795 590795
Email recruitment@kca.org.uk

ADMINISTRATOR

Faversham

Salary: £18,430 - £22,845 (pay award pending) (SCP 21-28)
Closing Date: 5th Sept 08

You will assist the Database Controller in ensuring the efficient and accurate use of databases across the organisation, in line with system protocols. You will need to be able to develop and maintain efficient office systems, and to provide Line Management support to the Administrative Assistants within the Data Centre.

To apply/more information:
KCA (UK)
Quoting Job Ref: REF: 504
Tel: 01795 590635
Email recruitment@kca.org.uk

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Faversham

Salary: £16,217 - £18,430 (SCP 17 - 21)
Closing Date: 5th Sept 08

Hours: 18.5 per week. Contract: 3 years.
To apply/more information:
KCA (UK)
Quoting Job Ref: REF: 498
Tel: 01795 590635
Email recruitment@kca.org.uk

Curriculum Support Officer

Folkestone

Salary: TBC
Closing Date: 5pm on Wednesday 3rd September 2008

37 hours per week You will support student data administration and provide a welcoming and friendly front line service to the public, College students and staff. You will produce PowerPoint

presentations and process data into various modules of the College's student tracking database system including admissions, attendance, fees and achievements. For further information, including salary details and an application pack please contact the Human Resources Department or visit www.southkent.ac.uk. All posts are subject to a disclosure check by the Criminal Records Bureau. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all employees to share this commitment. Applications are welcome from suitably qualified candidates regardless of ethnicity, gender, age, disability, sexuality or religion.

To apply/more information:
South Kent College
Quoting Job Ref: S2152
Tel: 0845 207 8222
(24 hour answerphone)
Email humanresources@southkent.ac.uk

DATA INPUT CLERKS/ GENERAL OFFICE STAFF

Canterbury

Salary: £13,500

You will need to have experience in using computers, be accurate and enthusiastic and be able to work as part of a team. A good telephone manner is essential for this position. Full training will be given and the minimum starting salary is £13,500 for full time employees.

To apply/more information:
Michell
FLS Tenant Referencing Services
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01227 250028
Email michelle@tenantref.co.uk

Estates Administrator x 2

Kent

Salary: Band 4 £17,316 - £20,818 pa
Closing Date: 22 August 2008

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To apply/more information:
Eastern & Coastal PCT
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Estates Development Officer

Kent

Salary: Band 5 £20,225 - £26,123 pa
Closing Date: 22 August 2008

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To apply/more information:
Eastern & Coastal PCT
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

International Administrator

Canterbury

Salary: salary starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum
Closing Date: 21 August 2008
18.5 hrs per week.

To apply/more information:
Canterbury College
Quoting Job Ref: 08/115
Tel: 01227 811282
(24hr answerphone)
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Pensions and Benefits Clerk

Canterbury

Salary: salary starting from £16,364 per annum
Closing Date: 21 August 2008
37 hrs per week.

To apply/more information:
Personnel Office
Canterbury College
Quoting Job Ref: 08/118
Tel: 01227 811282
(24hr answerphone)
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Project Assistant

Ashford

Salary: £13k

Closing Date: 22nd August 2008

As part of our continued growth and internal promotion within the Project Management Department, we now require a Project Assistant to provide administrative support to our Project Management Team. We are open minded about the qualifications and experience needed for this role but you should be computer literate and have a sound working knowledge of Microsoft Office. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are a must. You will need to be enthusiastic, assertive, have good organisational abilities and be equally happy to work on your own initiative as well as part of a team. Your main focus will be to support the department and it is essential that you are flexible in your approach to work and your dealings with others. Adstra offers you a comprehensive induction programme, with excellent ongoing training and development. Experience of ECDL would be useful but not essential. 5% pension contribution after the probationary period, 25 days holiday and employee protection scheme.

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Adstra Software Ltd
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Project Co-ordinator

Maidstone

Salary: Starting salary £40,705
Closing Date: 22 August 2008

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To apply/more information:
Kent County Council
Quoting Job Ref: CFE/08/0354
Tel: 0845 8247 904
Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk

RECEPTIONIST

Ashford

Salary: tba
Closing Date: 29th August 2008

The GSE Group are the leading single source construction company in the South East. We require an enthusiastic, well presented, second Receptionist to greet visitors and take incoming calls in a professional manner. The successful candidate will be committed to performing their role to a high standard and have a flexible approach to their work, which

will include some administrative duties. Hours of work are 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Monday to Friday. For an application form or to submit your CV, contact Mrs. Sue Barlow, GSE Group, Joshua House, Crowbridge Road, Ashford TN24 0GR.

To apply/more information:
Sue Barlow
GSE Group
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01233 506337
Email sue.barlow@gse-group.com

SCANNING AND FILING CLERK

Sittingbourne

Salary: DOE

Required for Transport Company. Hours to suit. Please e-mail request for application form or ring Claire for application (am only).

To apply/more information:
Claire Ingram
21st Century Logistics Ltd.
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01795 435000
Email Claire.Ingram@dodds.co.uk

Agriculture, Forestry, Environment

Seasonal Nursery Assistants - Tree Team

Tonbridge

Salary: £5.75 per hour based on a 40 hour week
Closing Date: 5th September 2008

This is an excellent opportunity for anyone who enjoys working outside and has a keen interest in commercial crop production. The position is available from September 2008 until April 2009. This role will involve maintaining, planting and lifting of large field-grown trees and specimen shrubs from our sites around the Tonbridge/Hadlow area. The ideal candidate will be able to lift heavy plants, be self motivated, have a positive outlook on life and work well as part of a team. It would be desirable for candidates to have worked in the horticultural or agricultural industry before, although this is not essential. If you feel you meet the above criteria, please send your CV and letter of application to Jo Dury, Coblands Nurseries, Trench Road, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 9NG or email.

To apply/more information:
Glendale Managed Services
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email Jo.dury@coblands.co.uk

Art and Design

JUNIOR DESIGNER

Ashford

Salary: tba

MotorSport Vision is Britain's largest owner and operator of motor racing circuits in the UK. Our portfolio includes Brands Hatch, Bedford Autodrome, Cadwell Park, Oulton Park and Shettersford. Additionally, the group incorporates the PalmerSport corporate driving event, and Formula Palmer Audi, a junior single-seater racing formula. Our in-house creative department is expanding, and we have a vacancy for a junior designer to join our existing graphic design team within the marketing department. The successful applicant will work across a wide range of print and online projects, focused primarily on promotional material for the Group's major events. Applicants must be confident users of the Adobe Creative Suite (InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator) and should have a minimum qualification of a BTEC National Diploma in Graphic Design or equivalent. This is a terrific opportunity to work at a fast growing business within an exciting environment. The post is based at Brands Hatch, Kent and all applications will be treated as strictly confidential. Please apply in writing, including salary expectations and current CV to: Katie Dickens, Group Human Resources Officer, MotorSport

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 Katie Dickens
 MotorSport Vision Ltd
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 Email katie.dickens@motorsportvision.co.uk

Catering, Hospitality

Chef/cook

Rochester
 Salary: tba
 For very busy village pub/restaurant. Must be passionate about cooking to join a friendly team.
 www.gardenersarmshigham.co.uk

To apply/more information:
 Gardeners Arms
 Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01474 823901 - 0776457544
 Email frankmead@yahoo.co.uk

Chefs

Sittingbourne
 Salary: £7.18 during probation then £8.42 per hour
 All our dishes are prepared to the highest quality following our tried and tested recipes. We are looking for a chef who has either got their NQV in cooking or has experience of working in a fast paced catering environment. Please send your CV to Sarah or Jodie in Personnel at COOK, Eurlink Way, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HH. If you need further information please call 01795 471700.
To apply/more information:
 Jodie
 Cook Kitchen
 Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01795 471700
 Email jodie.liston@cookfood.net

Finishing Assistants

Sittingbourne
 Salary: £6.22 during probation then £6.48 per hour
 Our Finishing Assistants have the extremely important job of making sure that every dish we make leaves the Kitchen looking perfect. They are responsible for dishing up the food, weighing the contents and then sealing, labelling and boxing the finished dishes. You will need to be numerate, reliable and possess great team skills, with the ability to work quickly in demanding conditions. Kitchen/food experience is an advantage but is not essential. Please send your CV to Sarah or Jodie in Personnel at COOK, Eurlink Way, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HH. If you need further information please call 01795 471700.
To apply/more information:
 Jodie
 Cook Kitchen
 Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01795 471700
 Email jodie.liston@cookfood.net

Housekeepers

Sittingbourne
 Salary: tba
 HOUSEKEEPERS WANTED - MILSTEAD Property letting agent seeks reliable and conscientious persons, to look after beautifully furnished holiday home sleeping up to 18 guests, let throughout the year. Duties will include preparing the properties for guests and laundering of linens and towels. Hours will vary dependent on bookings. Changeover days may vary and will include some Saturdays and Sundays. Must live within 20 minutes' drive of property and have own transport. Ideally suited to a small team of 3 but individuals may apply.
To apply/more information:
 Jill
 Rural Retreats Holidays Ltd
 Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01386 702622
 Email jdarvent@ruralretreats.co.uk

Kitchen Porters

Sittingbourne
 Salary: £6.22 during probation then £6.48 per hour
 Our Porters are responsible for ensuring that the Kitchen is absolutely spotless and that all of the Kitchen equipment is clean and kept in the correct place. It is the perfect job for

someone who is keen to start a career working within a Kitchen. Experience of working in a Food/Kitchen environment would be useful, but in no way essential. Please send your CV to Sarah or Jodie in Personnel at COOK, Eurlink Way, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HH.
To apply/more information:
 Jodie
 Cook Kitchen
 Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01795 471700
 Email jodie.liston@cookfood.net

Passionate Chef

Ramsgate
 Salary: TBA
 Ramsgate sea front. Good rate of pay. Please call 01843 594758, 07793 828292 or 07796 658612.
To apply/more information:
 Belgian Cafe
 Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01843 594758
 Email culturia@hotmail.co.uk

Prep Chefs

Sittingbourne
 Salary: £6.48 during probation then £7.18 per hour
 We are looking for someone who has good knife skills to cut and prepare all the meat and vegetables to the specification that is required. Ideally you will have an NQV in cooking with previous experience working in a fast paced catering environment. Please send your CV to Sarah or Jodie in Personnel at COOK, Eurlink Way, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HH. If you need further information please call 01795 471700.
To apply/more information:
 Jodie
 Cook Kitchen
 Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01795 471700
 Email jodie.liston@cookfood.net

Child Care

NANNY/HOUSEKEEPER
Ashford
 Salary: TBC
 required for an Indian family in Ashford. Live-in 3 days/week. Furnished room provided. Own children welcome.
To apply/more information:
 Dr Bandypadhyay-Maitra
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 Tel: 07894 387664
 Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Domestic

Domestic Cleaners

Herne Bay
 Salary: tba
 Whitehall/Herne Bay & Canterbury area 16 hours per week Days - Wed, Thurs, Fri Hours - between 9am-5pm Car and experience essential
To apply/more information:
 Ake Cleaning and Upholstery Cleaning
 Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01227 363242
 Email akecleaning@fsmail.net

Education, Teacher, School

Assessor - Early Years

Folkstone
 Salary: TBC
 Closing Date: 5pm on Wednesday 3rd September 2008
 Variable hours The purpose of the role is to design, deliver and evaluate a variety of short courses (3-6 hours duration) on the KCC Care Project across a variety of locations as well as managing the students' learning during the training event. The role is fixed-term until 31st March 2010. For further information, including salary details and an application pack please contact the Human Resources Department or visit www.southkent.ac.uk All posts are subject to a disclosure check by the Criminal Records Bureau. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all

employees to share this commitment. Applications are welcome from suitably qualified candidates regardless of ethnicity, gender, age, disability, sexuality or religion.
To apply/more information:
 South Kent College
 Quoting Job Ref: S2150
 Tel: 0845 207 8222
 (24 hour answerphone)
 Email humanresources@southkent.ac.uk

BASIC SKILLS TUTOR

Canterbury
 Salary: £18,500 to £24,500 per annum
 Closing Date: 22nd August 2008
 Due to expansion, Amac require qualified skills for Life tutors on a part time or sessional basis. You must be qualified at level 4 specialist (or working towards). If you are interested please telephone or email for an application pack.
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 Quoting Job Ref: kos
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Functional Skills Tutors

Kent
 Salary: Starting salary £20,061
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 KEY Training Services deliver an exciting range of innovative training programmes to people aged 14+ upwards and is the largest work-based training provider in Kent. As a Functional Skills Tutor your responsibilities will include the team teaching of effective and high quality Basic, Key Skills and Job Search training, across a range of ability groups. You will have the opportunity to design and produce relevant training materials and to plan challenging and inspirational training. KEY are forward thinking in their approach to Key Skills/Skills for Life qualifications and delivery will take place in both formal and informal learning environments to both young people and adults. Ideally, you will need to be qualified to either Literacy or Numeracy Level 4, with a teaching qualification or teaching experience. KEY provides excellent opportunities for professional and personal development. You will be required to work at more than one training centre in the area in which you are based, so the ability to travel across a wide geographical area in a timely and flexible manner at various times of the day is essential. This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau. Please quote Post reference
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 Kent County Council
 Quoting Job Ref: CMY/08/0194
 Tel: 0845 8247904
 Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk

Head of Faculty Higher Education

Canterbury
 Salary: salary starting from £40,821 per annum
 Closing Date: 21 August 2008 37 hrs per week.
To apply/more information:
 Personnel Office
 Canterbury College
 Quoting Job Ref: 08/112
 Tel: 01227 811282
 (24hr answerphone)
 Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Instrumental Tutors (Music)

Ramsgate

Salary: tba
Closing Date: 29th August 2008
 to support the Music Department in the delivery of tuition in the following areas: • Guitar • Woodwind Applications are welcome from graduates of music or music education, and from candidates who hold other professional qualifications in music. Successful candidates will teach individual lessons or in small groups of 2/3 pupils. Lessons are 30 minute periods and successful candidates will be expected to address the individual needs of pupils. Instructors will be expected to teach from beginner level and should develop and lead small ensembles for public performances. Instructors will be employed on a peripatetic basis, meeting demand as required. CVs and letters of application by post to the address above FAO: Jennifer Spooner HR Manager or via jennifer.spooner@marloweacademy.co.uk. You should state the post you are applying for, your principal instrument and your suitability for such a post. Appointments are subject to an enhanced CRB check.
To apply/more information:
 Jennifer Spooner
 Marlowe Academy
 Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01843 593326
 Email jennifer.spooner@marloweacademy.co.uk.

KCC Tutor - Food Hygiene

Folkstone
 Salary: TBC
 Closing Date: 5pm on Wednesday 3rd September 2008
 Variable hours The purpose of this role is to design, deliver and evaluate a variety of short courses (3-6 hours duration) on the KCC Care Project across a variety of locations as well as managing the students' learning during the training event. The role is fixed-term until 31st March 2010. For further information, including salary details and an application pack please contact the Human Resources Department or visit www.southkent.ac.uk All posts are subject to a disclosure check by the Criminal Records Bureau. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all employees to share this commitment. Applications are welcome from suitably qualified candidates regardless of ethnicity, gender, age, disability, sexuality or religion.
To apply/more information:
 South Kent College
 Quoting Job Ref: T1354
 Tel: 0845 207 8222
 (24 hour answerphone)
 Email humanresources@southkent.ac.uk

KCC Tutor - Learning Disability

Folkstone
 Salary: TBC
 Closing Date: 5pm on Wednesday 3rd September 2008
 Variable hours The purpose of this role is to design, deliver and evaluate a variety of short courses (3-6 hours duration) on the KCC Care Project across a variety of locations as well as managing the students' learning during the training event. The role is fixed-term until 31st March 2010. For further information, including salary details and an application pack please contact the Human Resources Department or visit www.southkent.ac.uk All posts are subject to a disclosure check by the Criminal Records Bureau. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all employees to share this commitment. Applications are welcome from suitably qualified candidates regardless of ethnicity, gender, age, disability, sexuality or religion.
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 Tel: 0845 207 8222
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Lecturer Teacher Education

Canterbury
 Salary: salary range £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum
 Closing Date: 21 August 2008 7.4 hrs per week
To apply/more information:
 Personnel Office
 Canterbury College
 Quoting Job Ref: 08/114
 Tel: 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone)
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Network Manager

Aylesford
 Salary: KS8 £22,825 - £26,159
 Closing Date: 22nd August 2008
 Aylesford School - Sports College is an innovative forward looking Specialist Sports College. We have a strong community ethos where we put the learner at the heart of everything we do. At Aylesford School - Sports College we can offer you:- * A brand new school. * Outstanding new facilities in all areas. * A highly regarded CPD programme with personal professional pathways. * A buzzing and vibrant staff who are friendly and keen to help one another and develop their IT skills. We seek to appoint a well qualified, highly skilled, confident and articulate team player who has a number of years experience as a network technician or manager. As a Microsoft and Cisco Academy,

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Learner Advisor - Level 3

Chatham
 Salary: £11,599 - £16,199
 Closing Date: Friday 22 August 2008
 The above post is an exciting opportunity for you to join our Matrix award winning Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) team. You will be required to work across all college campuses to actively support prospective and current learners to achieve their full academic and personal potential. For further details please refer to the job description.
To apply/more information:
 Mid Kent College
 Quoting Job Ref: JU10
 Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Lecturer - Counselling

Folkstone
 Salary: TBC
 Closing Date: 5pm on Wednesday 3rd September 2008
 Variable hours You will deliver a co-ordinated, integrated learning programme within the Department teaching Counselling at Basic Certificate and Diploma level. You will act as an examiner to students, assess on a variety of courses and prepare and mark assessments, projects, tests and examinations. This position is fixed-term until 31st July 2009. For further information, including salary details and an application pack please contact the Human Resources Department or visit www.southkent.ac.uk All posts are subject to a disclosure check by the Criminal Records Bureau. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all employees to share this commitment. Applications are welcome from suitably qualified candidates regardless of ethnicity, gender, age, disability, sexuality or religion.
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Project Co-ordinator - College Redevelopment

Canterbury
 Salary: salary starting from £18,375 per annum
 Closing Date: 21 August 2008 37 hrs per week,
To apply/more information:
 Personnel Office
 Canterbury College
 Quoting Job Ref: 08/117
 Tel: 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone)
 Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Reception/Foundation Stage Teacher

Dover
 Salary: TBC
 Closing Date: Wednesday 20th August
 Come and join our vibrant and energetic school. Full CV to The Headmaster, Dover College, Effingham Crescent, Dover, CT17 9RH Dover College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. This post is subject to an enhanced disclosure application to the Criminal Records Bureau.
To apply/more information:
 The Headmaster
 Dover College
 Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01304 205969 ext 201 or 206
 Email headmaster@dovercollege.org.uk

Section Manager Dental, Nursing, Social Care and Counselling

Canterbury
 Salary: salary starting from £32,808 per annum
 Closing Date: 21 August 2008 37 hrs per week.
 We take great pride in our extremely efficient and effective whole-school network. We are therefore looking for a network manager who will play a major role in the ongoing strategic management and development of all our IT systems. For an application pack please contact Miss Jill McKenna or email your request to jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
To apply/more information:
 Jill McKenna
 Aylesford School - Sports College
 Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01622 71734
 Email jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk

NVQ Assessor in Drug and Alcohol Recovery
Folkstone
 Salary: TBC
 Closing Date: 5pm on Wednesday 3rd September 2008
 Variable hours The purpose of the role is to assess and co-ordinate assessment of NVQ candidates in the workplace relating to Drug/Alcohol recovery services. You will support qualified work based assessors, play an active part in training assessors as well as supporting and guiding candidates in their NVQ awards, assisting them in portfolio building and completion of their portfolio of evidence. For further information, including salary details and an application please contact the Human Resources Department or visit www.southkent.ac.uk All posts are subject to a disclosure check by the Criminal Records Bureau. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all employees to share this commitment. Applications are welcome from suitably qualified candidates regardless of ethnicity, gender, age, disability, sexuality or religion.
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 South Kent College
 Quoting Job Ref: S2151
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Supply Lecturers Bookkeeping and Accounting

Isle of Sheppey
 Salary: £17,816 - £25,545 pro rata per annum
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 Personnel Office
 Sheppey College
 Quoting Job Ref: SHBKA
 Tel: 01227 811282
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Canterbury
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Teachers (Unqualified Tutor Scale)

Thanet
 Salary: £14,751 - £23,311
 Closing Date: 26 August 2008
 Temporary contract for 3 years 1x - based at Westwood, Thanet CFE/08/0361 1 x based at Project 15, Thanet CFE/08/0362 Applicants for all posts will have to provide evidence of effective working with disengaged KS4 students and have a proven

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 Tel: 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone)
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 Kent County Council
 Quoting Job Ref: CFE/08/0361 or CFE/08/0362
 Tel: 0845 8247 904.
 Email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk

Train to Gain Administrator

Canterbury
 Salary: salary starting from £14,535 pro rata per annum
 Closing Date: 21 August 2008 18.5 hrs per week.
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 Quoting Job Ref: 08/116
 Tel: 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone)
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Engineering, Manufacturing, Utilities

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Chatham
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Tonbridge

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Estate Agents - exciting opportunities We are looking for ambitious, experienced estate agents and also Management trainees for our fast track development programme - interested? Freeman Forman is an equal opportunities employer and part of Countrywide plc. For further details please contact Keith Knight, M.D. Freeman Forman Tel: 01435 867258 Email: keith.knight@freemanforman.co.uk

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Freeman Forman
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01435 867258
Email: keith.knight@freemanforman.co.uk

HR, Recruitment

HR Administrator

Canterbury

Salary: salary starting from £14,535 per annum
Closing Date: 21 August 2008
37 hrs per week.

To apply/more information:

Personnel Office
Canterbury College
Quoting Job Ref: 08/121
Tel: 01227 811282
(24hr answerphone)
Email: applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

HR Advisors

Canterbury

Salary: salary starting from £18,375 per annum
Closing Date: 21 August 2008
37 hrs per week.

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Canterbury College
Quoting Job Ref: 08/119
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Insurance, Banking, Finance

Finance Assistants - Transport Integration

Kings Hill

Salary: Starting salary £15,826
Closing Date: 26 August 2008.
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Kent County Council
Quoting Job Ref: CM-08-062
Tel: 01622 6053978
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Management, Senior Positions

Area Managers (domiciliary care)

Kent

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Area Managers (domiciliary care) East Kent if you believe that only the highest standards are good enough, we'll give you the autonomy to deliver them through your team. With management experience preferably gained in a care environment and relevant qualifications, you combine excellent motivational skills with the experience and tenacity of achieving business objectives. We offer excellent training, support and benefits. So if you could be part of this exciting venture, please write or e-mail (enclosing your CV and current remuneration details) to Jo Mills, HR Officer, Saga Group Limited, Enbrook Park, Folkestone, Kent CT20 3SE. Please quote the relevant reference number. Assessment days will be held for some roles and interviews are ongoing.

saga.co.uk
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ASSISTANT MANAGER

Gillingham

Salary: Salary from £19,680

You will: • Have strong leadership and organisational skills. • Possess or be working towards a suitable qualification, perhaps NVQ level 3 or 4. • Have a good knowledge of learning disability care.

To apply/more information:

ACH Care Homes Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 0208 502 4466
Email: michelle.jenkins@achuk.com

Clinical Quality Manager x 2

Kent

Salary: Band 7 £29,091 - £38,352 pa

Closing Date: 22 August 2008

For further information and to apply, please visit

www.eastcoastkentpct.nhs.uk

To apply/more information:

Eastern & Coastal PCT
Quoting Job Ref: kos

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Estates Development Manager x 2

Kent

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HOME MANAGER

Gillingham

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This is the job for you? ACH is a residential care home group for adults with learning disabilities and challenging behaviour.

Based in Loughton in Essex we operate homes in East and West Sussex, Kent, Medway, Essex and Surrey. ACH has a progressive expansion plan in the South of England and our quest for the highest quality of care in the homes we provide is matched by the importance we place on our staff and care teams. Applicants are invited for the position at our home in Gillingham. You will: • Have current knowledge of relevant legislation • Possess a suitable qualification, preferably NVQ4 • Have extensive knowledge of Learning Disabilities • Must have strong leadership and organisational skills, plus current experience of running a care home. For an application pack please visit our website at

www.achuk.com Alternatively e-mail michelle.jenkins@achuk.com or contact Human Resources on 0208 502 4466.

To apply/more information:

Michelle Jenkins
ACH Care Homes Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 0208 502 4466
Email: michelle.jenkins@achuk.com

Quality and Innovation Manager

Canterbury

Salary: salary starting from £36,365 per annum

Closing Date: 21 August 2008

37 hrs per week.

To apply/more information:

Personnel Office
Canterbury College
Quoting Job Ref: 08/113
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Risk and Compliance Manager

Folkestone

Salary: £31,166 - £46,806

Closing Date: 3 September 2008

Based Folkestone with regional travel. As part of the business team, you'll take on a role with broad breadth and scope. It's your chance to create practices, policies and procedures that support the development of the organisation whilst maintaining regulatory standards. With a strong commercial focus, you'll bring a knowledge of a regulated industry. We offer excellent training, support and benefits. So if you could be part of this exciting venture, please write or e-mail (enclosing your CV and current remuneration details) to Jo Mills, HR Officer, Saga Group Limited, Enbrook Park, Folkestone, Kent CT20 3SE. Please quote the relevant reference number. Assessment days will be held for some roles and interviews are ongoing.

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Senior Scrutiny Officer

Ashford

Salary: Salary up to £30,276 pa

Closing Date: 1st September 2008

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Programme Support Manager

Kent

Salary: Band 6 £24,103 - £32,653 pa

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Supervisors (domiciliary care)

Kent

Salary: £16,874 - £21,228

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Training Manager

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Programme Support Manager

Kent

Salary: Band 6 £24,103 - £32,653 pa

Closing Date: 22 August 2008

For further information and to apply, please visit

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To apply/more information:

Eastern & Coastal PCT
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Email: applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Quality and Innovation Manager

Canterbury

Salary: salary starting from £36,365 per annum

Closing Date: 21 August 2008

37 hrs per week.

To apply/more information:

Personnel Office
Canterbury College
Quoting Job Ref: 08/111
Tel: 01227 811282
(24hr answerphone)
Email: applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Provider Development Manager

Kent

Salary: Band 7 £29,091 - £38,352 pa

Closing Date: 22 August 2008

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Risk and Compliance Manager

Folkestone

Salary: £31,166 - £46,806

Closing Date: 3 September 2008

Based Folkestone with regional travel. As part of the business team, you'll take on a role with broad breadth and scope. It's your chance to create practices, policies and procedures that support the development of the organisation whilst maintaining regulatory standards. With a strong commercial focus, you'll bring a knowledge of a regulated industry. We offer excellent training, support and benefits. So if you could be part of this exciting venture, please write or e-mail (enclosing your CV and current remuneration details) to Jo Mills, HR Officer, Saga Group Limited, Enbrook Park, Folkestone, Kent CT20 3SE. Please quote the relevant reference number. Assessment days will be held for some roles and interviews are ongoing.

To apply/more information:

Jo Mills
Saga
Quoting Job Ref: SIL227/KOS
Email: human.resources@saga.co.uk

Senior Scrutiny Officer

Ashford

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To apply/more information: Luke Timbrell
Meltwater News
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01227 767911
Email recruitment.canterbury@meltwater.co.uk
meltwater.co.uk

Public Sector, Social Services

"Health Matters" Group co-ordinator

Kent
Salary: Band 6 £24,103 - £32,653 pa
Closing Date: 22 August 2008
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To apply/more information: Eastern & Coastal PCT
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

CHILDREN'S SUPPORT WORKERS (x2)

Faversham
Salary: £21,412 - £25,320 (SCP 26 - 31)
Closing Date: 5th Sept 08
Essential Car User Allowance up to £1,056 Hours: 37 per week • Contract: 3 years
To apply/more information: KCA (UK)
Quoting Job Ref: REF: 503
Tel: 01795 590635
Email recruitment@kca.org.uk

Equality and Diversity Officer

Kent
Salary: Band 6 £24,103 - £32,653 pa
Closing Date: 22 August 2008
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To apply/more information: Eastern & Coastal PCT
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

GROUP INTERVENTION WORKER

Ashford
Salary: £16,627 - £18,288 pro rates
Closing Date: 27th August 2008
Up to 37 hours term time only + 5 days initially fixed term until April 2011 We are looking to recruit a Group Intervention Worker to work within the Ashford BEST, addressing the needs of BIP schools, pupils and families by providing a range of group activities to improve pupil behaviour and attendance. Successful applicants will be expected to have experience of working with young people and/or families, and have strong

inter-personal skills. This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure CRB check. For an application pack please contact: Lisa Vant, Senior Administrator, BEST, Ray Allen Centre, Stanhope Road, Ashford, Kent TN23 5RN.
To apply/more information: Lisa Vant
Ashford BEST
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01233 668506
Email lisa.vant@kent.gov.uk

Partnership Liaison Officer

Gravesend
Salary: Circa £18,000 pa
Closing Date: 18 August 2008
Fixed term contract until 31 March 2010. The Dartford and Gravesham Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) are looking to recruit a Partnership Liaison Officer. The postholder will support the work of the Partnership by monitoring and checking of the progress of CDRP initiatives, providing administrative support to CDRP and its Gravesham-based sub-groups, acting as a link and communicating information between partner agencies and assisting in the delivery of community safety and crime reduction projects. Good communication skills, both oral and written are essential as is some understanding of community safety and associated legislation and multi-agency working. This is an ideal opportunity for someone with a keen interest in the community safety/crime reduction field who can offer commitment and enthusiasm to this interesting role. Ref:PLD/KD For an application form and job description please contact: Personnel Department, Gravesham Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU.
To apply/more information: Gravesham Borough Council
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01474 33 70 00
Email customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk

Provider Development Assistant

Kent
Salary: Band 3 £14,834 - £17,732 pa
Closing Date: 22 August 2008
For further information and to apply, please visit www.eastcoastkentpct.nhs.uk
For other job opportunities visit our website www.eastcoastkentpct.nhs.uk
To apply/more information: Eastern & Coastal PCT
Quoting Job Ref: kos
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Provider Development Facilitator

Kent
Salary: Band 6 £24,103 - £32,653 pa
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To apply/more information: Eastern & Coastal PCT
Quoting Job Ref: kos
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Provider Development Officer

Kent
Salary: Band 4 £17,316 - £20,818 pa
Closing Date: 22 August 2008
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For other job opportunities visit our website www.eastcoastkentpct.nhs.uk
To apply/more information: Eastern & Coastal PCT
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

SENIOR CHILDREN'S SUPPORT WORKER

Faversham
Salary: £22,845 - £26,067 (SCP 28 - 32)

Closing Date: 5th September 2008
Essential Car User Allowance up to £1,056 Hours: 37 per week • Contract: 3 years
To apply/more information: KCA (UK)
Quoting Job Ref: REF: 502
Tel: 01795 590635
Email recruitment@kca.org.uk

Retail, Wholesale, Sales

Business Development Executive

Tonbridge
Salary: £24,168 - £27,844 rising to approx £30k with OTE
Closing Date: 21 August 2008
37 Hours, 52 weeks per year
Generating important business for the college, you will develop existing and new clients through proactive sales activity as part of an existing successful and established team. As well as acting as a key presence at major sales and industry events, there is also a strong relationship management side to the role, and you'll be expected to bring a proven track record of key account management to the position. To meet the challenge of making our new business capacity more robust than ever before, we require you to have sharp negotiating skills, confident presenting ability together with good experience of generating income and customer accounts. The benefits in joining us are immense: generous annual leave; flexible working hours; lots of support including an on-site nursery; final salary pension and more.
To apply/more information: West Kent College
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01732 376511
Email hr-dept@wkc.ac.uk

Educational Sales Consultant
Ramsgate
Salary: Up to £20k
Churchill House is a long established school teaching English to international students with a rapidly expanding summer junior course business at centres throughout the UK. To develop world wide sales of these courses we need an Educational Sales Consultant whose core responsibility will be the sales and administration of our home tuition business (learning English in a teacher's home). CV and current salary details to: David Leigh, Churchill House, Spencer Square, Ramsgate, Kent CT11 9EQ
david@churchillhouse.co.uk
To apply/more information: David Leigh
Churchill House School of English
Quoting Job Ref: kos
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Business Development Executive
Romney Marsh
Salary: TBC
Clifton Recycling is a fast-growing waste management and processing company which is seeking a Business Development Executive. The ideal candidate must be a team player with a proven ability in sales and the ability to manage clients on an ongoing basis; be commercially astute and financially numerate. Self-motivation, hard work and a strong desire to succeed are essential. You will be provided with training and support in this respect. The role is office based, although client visits may be necessary. Send your CV along with a short covering letter to: Alan Clifton-Holt, Haguelands Farm, Romney Marsh, Kent TN29 0JR or by email.
To apply/more information: Alan Clifton-Holt
Clifton Recycling
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email alan@aclifton.ltd.uk

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Clifton Recycling
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email alan@aclifton.ltd.uk

Client Relations Consultant

Canterbury
Salary: £30k OTE
Closing Date: 14th September 2008
Can You Build Relations? Client Relations Consultant. Meltwater News is a dynamic online media monitoring company, offering communication solutions to over 10,000 organisations worldwide. We have seen rapid growth of 40 offices across four continents, in four years. To

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Closing date for applications: 14th September 2008 Interview Dates: 18th/19th September 2008 in Manchester Start Date: October.
To apply/more information: Sally Wise
Meltwater News
Quoting Job Ref: CRC 1408
Tel: 01227 767911
Email cr.recruitment.canterbury@meltwater.com

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To apply/more information: David Leigh
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Hamper Fulfilment Co-ordinator
Hythe
Salary: TBC
This is a fixed term for up to 7 months based within Hythe in an office and warehouse environment. You must be PC literate, organised, have a good eye for detail, be an excellent communicator and flexibility is essential for this role as you will need to travel to Osterley, Middlesex, when required. In return you will be offered a competitive salary plus benefits. Interested applicants can apply online at www.harrods.com/recruitment quoting the reference number below.
To apply/more information: Harrods Distribution Centre
Quoting Job Ref: Ref 51-3
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Head of Service and Sales
Folkestone
Salary: £42,673 - £59,422
Closing Date: 3 September 2008
Based in Folkestone with regional travel Key here is in the job title. Service comes before sales. If you understand how one drives the other, then we need you to develop and implement a strategy that will grow the business. While your experience has been ideally gained in the retail or financial services sector, you must have a proven track record on managing a large field-based sales and service team. We offer excellent training, support and benefits. So if you could be part of this exciting venture, please write or e-mail (enclosing your CV and current remuneration details) to Jo Mills, HR Officer, Saga Group Limited, Enbrook

Transport, Logistics, Aviation
Assistant Traffic Manager
Canterbury
Salary: Tba
We require an enthusiastic and dedicated person to join our busy transport team, providing admin. support to the Transport Manager, maintaining driver & vehicle records, dealing with lead enquiries and our trailer rental operation, developing and supporting new and existing customer business. Experience in a busy traffic office would be an advantage. Occasional Saturday mornings may be required. Contact Dave Grummitt, Charles Hewitt Ltd, Canterbury 464386 for an application form.
To apply/more information: Dave Grummitt, Charles Hewitt Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01227 464386
Email applications@kosmedia.co.uk

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Park, Folkestone, Kent CT20 3SE. Please quote the relevant reference number. Assessment days will be held for some roles and interviews are ongoing.
saga.co.uk
To apply/more information: Jo Mills
Saga
Quoting Job Ref: SIL229/KOS
Email human.resources@saga.co.uk

Qualified Beautician and Nail Technician

Maidstone
Salary: tba
To apply/more information: Laura
Scissors Sisters Hair Styles Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01622 755833
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Sales Development Manager

Ramsgate
Salary: Dependent on Experience
Churchill House is a long established school teaching English to international students with a rapidly expanding summer junior course business at centres throughout the UK. To develop world wide sales of these courses we need an experienced Sales Development Manager with a CV that clearly demonstrates an ability to negotiate and win new contracts. We will offer a salary package sufficient to ensure the appointment of the best candidate. CV and current Salary details to: David Leigh, Churchill House, Spencer Square, Ramsgate, Kent CT11 9EQ.
david@churchillhouse.co.uk
To apply/more information: David Leigh
Churchill House School of English
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email david@churchillhouse.co.uk

SALES MANAGER

Canterbury
Salary: Up to £28,000 per annum (Full-time)
Closing Date: 22nd August 2008
Our training company require a highly motivated person to recruit individuals and employers onto a range of programmes on offer. You must be comfortable prospecting, making cold calls, and committed to gaining new clients and working in a team. If you are interested please telephone or email info@amacsports.co.uk for an application pack.
To apply/more information: Amacsports Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01227 831840
Email info@amacsports.co.uk

Transport, Logistics, Aviation

Assistant Traffic Manager
Canterbury
Salary: Tba
We require an enthusiastic and dedicated person to join our busy transport team, providing admin. support to the Transport Manager, maintaining driver & vehicle records, dealing with lead enquiries and our trailer rental operation, developing and supporting new and existing customer business. Experience in a busy traffic office would be an advantage. Occasional Saturday mornings may be required. Contact Dave Grummitt, Charles Hewitt Ltd, Canterbury 464386 for an application form.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

The Insolvency Act 1986 GREENSAND HOMES LIMITED (Company Number 0394694)

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Bridgwood Manor Hotel, Bridgwood Roundabout, Walderslade Woods, Chatham ME5 9AY, on 28 August 2008, at 11.00 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 98 et seq.

Notice is also given that, for the purpose of voting, secured Creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge at the registered office of the Company at 2-3 Pavilion Buildings, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 1EE, before the Meeting, a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed. Proxies to be used at the Meeting must be lodged at the registered office of the Company, not later than 12.00 noon on 27th August 2008 together with an up to date statement of account to enable Creditors to vote.

The Resolutions to be taken at the Meeting may include a Resolution specifying the basis upon which the Liquidator is to be remunerated and the Meeting may receive information about, or be called upon to approve, the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the Meeting.

A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Beghies Toyvor, 2/3 Pavilion Buildings, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 1EE, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors. Dated: 7 August 2008
Mr Tony Phillip Segal Hutchins, Director

The Insolvency Act 1986 MID KENT STEEL LIMITED (Company Number 02916448)

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Smith & Williamson Limited, First Floor, 89 King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1BG, on 26 August 2008, at 11.00 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge a full statement of account (and unless attending in person a proxy with the Company at the offices of Smith & Williamson Limited, First Floor, 89 King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1BG, no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the Meeting of Creditors. Secured Creditors must, unless they surrender their security, give particulars of their security, the date when it was given, and its assessed value if they wish to vote at the Meeting.

Resolutions to be taken at the meeting may include a Resolution specifying the terms upon which the Joint Liquidators are to be remunerated and the creditors may receive information about or be called upon to approve the costs of preparing the Statement of Affairs and the costs of convening the Meeting of Creditors.

Stephen John Tancock of Smith & Williamson Limited, First Floor, 89 King Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1BG is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the Company and in accordance with Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.

Any telephone enquiry or written communication should be directed to Jessica Kane of Smith & Williamson Limited at the above address. Dated: 11 August 2008
By Order of the Board
Matthew David Jones, Director

To advertise in this section



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TENDER FOR CORONER'S REMOVALS - KENT & MEDWAY (10 GEOGRAPHICAL CONTRACT AREAS)

Kent County Council on behalf of HM Coroner wishes to invite tender submissions for Coroner's Removals throughout Kent and Medway. The contract is for the removal of bodies from place of death to a hospital mortuary. The contract is of four years duration commencing 1 February 2009.

Tenders are invited from funeral directors who must have the facilities to be at the place of death within one hour from receipt of request to attend. Funeral directors must have been trading for at least three years and must be able to provide a 24 hour, 365 days a year service.

Organisations wishing to apply for tender documentation should apply via the advert on: www.businessportal.sece.gov.uk

If you are experiencing problems, please email eo@kent.gov.uk or apply in writing to Strategic Procurement Unit, 3.21 Sessions House, County Road, Maidstone ME14 1XQ.

Deadline for tender responses: 12 noon on Monday, 22 September 2008.

This contract notice was published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 01 August 2008.



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**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS ASHFORD) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND PARKING
PLACES) (AMENDMENT No. 5) ORDER 2007 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT
1984**

NOTICE is hereby given that on 8th August 2008 the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, made an Order, the effect of which is to:-

- Install designated parking bays in West Street & Godinton Road (Ringway).
- Install a Taxi Rank in Elwick Road.
- Install a Loading Bay in Bank Street.

A copy of the Order, which comes into operation on 18th August 2008, together with the associated maps and documents may be inspected during normal office hours at the Customer Contact Centre, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL, or at the offices of Kent County Council, Transportation Team, Doubleday House, St. Michael's Close, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BU.

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Order or of any provision contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or of any instrument made there under, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, BOROUGH OF ASHFORD) (SPEED LIMITS) (AMENDMENT
No 4) ORDER 2007 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

NOTICE is hereby given that on 8th August 2008 Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Sections 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, made an Order, the effect of which is to impose a 20mph maximum speed limits on the roads or part of the roads listed in the Schedule to this notice.

A copy of the Order, which comes into operation on 18th August 2008, together with the associated maps and documents may be inspected during normal office hours at the Customer Contact Centre, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL, or at the offices of Kent County Council, Transportation Team, Doubleday House, St. Michael's Close, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BU.

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**SCHEDULE
(20 mph Speed Limit)**

Name of Road	Description of Length of road affected for its entire length
Bank Street	for its entire length
Elwick Road	from its junction with West Street south eastwards, to a point level with the western kerb line of Church Road
Forge Lane	for its entire length
Gasworks Lane	for its entire length
Godinton Road	from its junction with Bank Street north westwards, for a distance of 40 metres
High Street	for its entire length
Middle Street	for its entire length
New Rents	for its entire length
New Street	from its junction with High Street northwards and westwards for a distance of 125 metres
North street (south of Ringway)	from its junction with High Street northwards for a distance of 150 metres
Park Street	from its junction with North Street eastwards for a distance of 30 metres
Regents Place	for its entire length
Tufton Street	from a point level with the north eastern boundary of number 23 Tufton Street north westwards, for its remaining length
West Street (Ringway)	for its entire length

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(ASHFORD) (TRAFFIC REGULATION) (AMENDMENT No.16) ORDER 2008 ROAD
TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

NOTICE is hereby given that on 8th August 2008 Kent County Council made an Order under Sections 1, 2 and 124 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which is to amend The Kent County Council (Ashford) (Traffic Regulation) Order 1997, as amended, as follows: -

COMPULSORY LEFT TURN

In PART F of the Order, the following paragraph shall be added:

Every person causing any vehicle to proceed in Wellesley Road shall cause that vehicle, on reaching the junction with Mace Lane, to make a left-hand turn into Mace Lane

A copy of the Order, which comes into operation on 18th August 2008, together with the associated maps and documents may be inspected during normal office hours at the Customer Contact Centre, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL, or at the offices of Kent County Council, Transportation Team, Doubleday House, St. Michael's Close, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BU.

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**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(GODINTON ROAD, ASHFORD) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND PARKING
PLACES) (AMENDMENT No. 7) ORDER 2008 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION
ACT 1984**

NOTICE is hereby given that on 8th August 2008 the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, made an Order, the effect of which is to install a Loading Bay in Godinton Road (Ringway) on the south side, west of Godinton House, outside Enterprise Rent-a-Car.

A copy of the Order, which comes into operation on 18th August 2008, together with the associated maps and documents may be inspected during normal office hours at the Customer Contact Centre, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL, or at the offices of Kent County Council, Transportation Team, Doubleday House, St. Michael's Close, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BU.

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**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(ASHFORD) (TRAFFIC REGULATION) (AMENDMENT No.14) ORDER 2008 ROAD
TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

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ONE WAY STREETS

(3) In PART D of the Order the following shall be deleted from the Table to Article 12:

1	2	3
Item	Road or length of road	Direction to proceed
2	APSLEY STREET	South-westwards towards Godinton Road (Ringway)
41	REGENTS PLACE, from its junction with West Street (Ringway) to its junction with Apsley Street	Eastwards towards Apsley Street

(2) In PART D of the Order the following shall be added to the Table to Article 12:

1	2	3
Item	Road or length of road	Direction to proceed
59	APSLEY STREET, that length that extends from a point 3m north-east of the south-western building line of 3 Apsley Street to the junction with Regents Place.	North-eastwards towards Regents Place
60	REGENTS PLACE, from its junction with Apsley Street to its junction with West Street (Ringway).	westwards towards West Street (Ringway)

PROHIBITION OF RIGHT TURN

(3) In PART F of the Order the following shall be added to the Table to Article 19 of Amendment No.1:

1	2	3
Item	First Named Road	Second Named Road
3	The entrance on Apsley Street to the NCP County Square Car Park	Apsley Street

A copy of the Order, which comes into operation on 18th August 2008, together with the associated maps and documents may be inspected during normal office hours at the Customer Contact Centre, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL, or at the offices of Kent County Council, Transportation Team, Doubleday House, St. Michael's Close, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BU.

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Order or of any provision contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or of any instrument made there under, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS ASHFORD) (PROHIBITION OF LOADING) (AMENDMENT No.
8) ORDER 2008 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

NOTICE is hereby given that on 8th August 2008 the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, made an Order, the effect of which is to install a Prohibition on Loading and Unloading, from Monday to Saturday inclusive between 07:00 and 19:00, except in designated areas, in the following streets in Ashford:

Name of Road	Specified Length
BANK STREET	Extending on both sides from a point in line with the north-eastern building line of Tufton Street in a south westerly direction to its junction with Elwick Road.
ELWICK ROAD (Ringway)	Extending on both sides from a point in line with the western building line of Church Road in a north-westerly direction to its junction with Godinton Road.

Name of Road	Specified Length
ELWICK ROAD (between Bank Street and Elwick Road Ringway)	The entire length of Elwick Road on both sides.
GODINTON ROAD (Ringway)	The entire length of Godinton Road (Ringway) on both sides.
GODINTON ROAD	From a point in line with the north-western building line of Bank Street in a north westerly direction for a distance of 40 metres on both sides.
MIDDLE STREET	The entire length of Middle Street on both sides.
WEST STREET (Ringway)	The entire length of West Street on both sides.
FORGE LANE (Ringway)	The entire length of Forge Lane on both sides.
TUFTON STREET	From a point in line with the south-eastern building line of Bank Street in a south easterly direction for a distance of 30metres on both sides.

A copy of the Order, which comes into operation on 18th August 2008, together with the associated maps and documents may be inspected during normal office hours at the Customer Contact Centre, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL, or at the offices of Kent County Council, Transportation Team, Doubleday House, St. Michael's Close, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BU.

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**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(APSLEY ROAD, ASHFORD) (TURN BAN) (AMENDMENT No. 13) ORDER 2007
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

NOTICE is hereby given that on 8th August 2008 Kent County Council made an Order under Sections 1, 2 and 124 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, the effect of which is to prohibit any vehicle which is travelling southwards in Apsley Street, Ashford turning right into Godinton Road (Ringway) except upon the direction or with the permission of a police constable in uniform.

A copy of the Order, which comes into operation on 18th August 2008, together with the associated maps and documents may be inspected during normal office hours at the Customer Contact Centre, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL, or at the offices of Kent County Council, Transportation Team, Doubleday House, St. Michael's Close, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BU.

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Order or of any provision contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or of any instrument made there under, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(ASHFORD) (TRAFFIC REGULATION) (AMENDMENT No.15) ORDER 2008 ROAD
TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

NOTICE is hereby given that on 8th August 2008 Kent County Council made an Order under Sections 1, 2 and 124 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which is to amend The Kent County Council (Ashford) (Traffic Regulation) Order 1997, as amended, as follows: -

PROHIBITION OF LEFT TURN

In PART F of the Order, paragraph 18 shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

(1) In this Article

"first named road" means the road or length of road specified in an item column 2 of the Table;

"second named road" means the road or length of road specified in an item column 3 of the Table.

(2) No person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a police constable in uniform or a Traffic Warden, cause any vehicle which is travelling in the First Named Road, on reaching the junction with the Second Named Road, to make a left-hand turn into the Second Named Road.

TABLE

(Article 18)

1	2	3
Item	First Named Road	Second Named Road
1	Somerset Road	Wellesley Road
2	High Street (Ashford)	Wellesley Road

A copy of the Order, which comes into operation on 18th August 2008, together with the associated maps and documents may be inspected during normal office hours at the Customer Contact Centre, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL, or at the offices of Kent County Council, Transportation Team, Doubleday House, St. Michael's Close, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BU.

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**For further information, please contact Geoff Mee,
Director for Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways**



THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (LOWER ROAD, THE STOCKS) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Lower Road, The Stocks between Hogpound Corner and Stone Corner on Monday 18th August 2008 for a period of 5 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for Lower Road is Rose Hill, Stocks Road and Acton Lane. British Telecom apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to renew aerial cable. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Tracy Zeal of A-Plant Lux Traffic Management on 01666 822000.

Highways - District of Canterbury

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (PARK ROAD, HERNE BAY) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because installation of drainage works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Park Road, Herne Bay from its junction from Dering Road to its junction with Gordon Road on 18 August 2008 for an estimated period of 10 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via William Street and Kings Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VAUXHALL ROAD, CANTERBURY) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because installation of new water service works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Vauxhall Road, Canterbury from its junction with Sturry Road to the entrance of the business park on 22 August 2008 for an estimated period of 2.5 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Broad Oak Road, Kingsmead Road and Sturry Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (KING STREET, CANTERBURY) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because new gas service works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on King Street, Canterbury from its junction with Knotts Lane to its junction with Palace Street on or after 01 September 2008 for an estimated period of 5 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via King Street, Orange Street and Palace Street

Specified Road	Length of road affected	Alternative routes
King Street	From the junction with Knotts Lane to its junction with Palace Street	Via King Street, Orange Street and Palace Street
King Street	Suspension of existing one way traffic order between Cobden Place and Palace Street	N/A

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, CANTERBURY) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because Carriageway Surfacing works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Various roads, Canterbury from as described in column 1 of schedule to this order on 18 August 2008 for an estimated period of as described in column 3 of the schedule to this order or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via as described in column 2 of the schedule to this order.

The Affected Route	The Alternative Route	Date & Times of Road Closure
Mayfield Road, Herne Bay	No diversion route required	18 August 2008 for 1 week
Reculver Road, Beltinge From Seaview Road to Sweenchbridge Road	Margate Road, Thanet Way and Sweenchbridge Road (local diversions to be signed on site)	18 August 2008 for two weeks day or night as advised by the appropriate signage on site

This order will come into force on Monday 18 August 2008, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected, and will remain valid for a period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

Highways - District of Dover

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (POTTER STREET SANDWICH) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because renovation works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Potter Street Sandwich from its junction with Strand Street to its junction with Market Street on or after 01 September 2008 for an estimated period of 2 weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Strand Street, High Street, The Chain, Galliard Street, New Street, No Name Street and Market Street.

Highways - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS IN THE BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND WAITING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on the routes described in Column 1 of Schedule 1 hereto.

The alternative route for each route described in Column 1 of Schedule 1 hereto is described in Column 2 of that Schedule.

The Order will come into operation on Monday 15th. September 2008 and will be valid for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is sooner. The works are scheduled to commence on or after Monday 15th. September 2008 and are programmed for completion within an estimated period of 30 weeks.

SCHEDULE 1

The affected routes (Column 1)	The alternative routes (Column 2)
A229 Bishops Way, Maidstone from High Street to Mill Street. When required 24 hours per day Monday to Sunday.	South/Eastbound traffic via B2012 Staceys Street, Lower Bolexley Road, Well Road, Holland Road, A249 Albion Place, A20 Andrew Boughton Way, Ashford Road, A249 Wat Tyler Way, Mote Road and A229 Upper Stone Street.
Palace Avenue, Maidstone from Mill Street to Lower Stone Street. When required 24 hours per day Monday to Sunday.	North/Westbound traffic via Knightrider Street (existing one way order rescinded), A249 Mote Road, Wat Tyler Way, Albion Place, B2012 Holland Road, Well Road, Lower Bolexley Road and Staceys Street.
A229/U694 Mill Street, Maidstone from Knightrider Street to High Street. When required 24 hours per day Monday to Sunday.	Eastbound traffic as Bishops Way South/Eastbound traffic above.
A229/U694 Mill Street, Maidstone from Knightrider Street to High Street. When required 24 hours per day Monday to Sunday.	Northbound traffic as Bishops Way North/Westbound traffic above.
U2737 Knightrider Street, Maidstone, from Lower Stone Street to Mill Street. When required 24 hours per day Monday to Sunday.	Southbound traffic via A20 High Street, A229 Broadway, St Peters Bridge, Fairmeadow and as Bishops Way South/Eastbound traffic above.
	Westbound traffic via A249 Mote Road, Wat Tyler Way, Albion Place, B2012 Holland Road, Well Road, Lower Bolexley Road, Staceys Street, A229 Fairmeadow. Eastbound traffic to be permitted whilst works are in progress.

Advance road works information boards will be placed prior to works commencing on site, giving details as to when the works are scheduled to commence and expected duration.

Order will only be effective when appropriate signs are displayed.

Highways - District of Shepway

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (WINDMILL STREET, HYTHE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because new electrical service works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Windmill Street, Hythe from its junction with Stade Street to its junction with Wood Road on or after 02 September 2008 for an estimated period of 1 week or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Stade Street, Portland Road, St Leonards Road and Albert Road

Specified Road	Length of road affected	Alternative routes
Windmill Street	From the junction with Stade Street to its junction with Wood Road	Via Stade Street, Portland Road, St Leonards Road and Albert Road
Windmill Street	Suspension of existing one way traffic order between Stade Street and Albert Road	N/A

Highways - Borough of Swale

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (BRENT SWING BRIDGE, BRIDGE ROAD, FAVERSHAM) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Brent Swing Bridge, Bridge Road, Faversham on or after Monday 18th August 2008 for a period of up to 2 consecutive weekends or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above for vehicles traveling to the north side of Faversham Creek is via the south side of Bridge Road, North Lane, Napleton Road, Tanners Street, Dark Hill, Davington Hill, Priory Row, Barnfield Road, Reedland Crescent and Bramblehill Road.

The alternative route for vehicles traveling to the south side of Faversham Creek is via the north side of Bridge Road, Brent Road, Brent Hill, Davington Hill, Dark Hill, West Street, North Lane.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to refurbish the bridge, should you require any further information regarding these works, their contact is Helen Rowe on 01622 862703.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (KINGSNORTH ROAD, FAVERSHAM) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Kingsnorth Road, Faversham on or after Monday 1st September 2008 for an estimated period of up to 10 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for Kingsnorth Road is via London Road, Canute Road and Athelstan Road.

Southern Gas Networks Ltd apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which is necessary to replace a gas mains. Should you require any further information these works their contact is Colin Drake on 01233 713502

Highways - District of Thanet

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, THANET) (SPEED LIMITS) (RAMSGATE ROAD, MARGATE AMENDMENT) ORDER 2008

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order under Section 84(1), (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act;

The effects of the Order will reduce the existing 40 mph speed limit to 30mph on the following length of road:

A254 RAMSGATE ROAD, MARGATE

From a point 51m south east of the south-eastern kerbline of the access road to the QEQM hospital to a point 37m north west of the junction with Nash Lane.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at the Kent Highway Services, Javelin Way Ashford, TN24 8DH, between 8.30am and 5.00pm, and at Thanet District Council, Cecil Street, Margate.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to the Transport and Development Planning Team Leader, Kent Highway Services, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8DH or by email to kent.highwayservices@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 8 September 2008.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (SEAMARK ROAD BIRCHINGTON) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because construction of a new access road to the Thanet Earth development works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Seamark Road Birchington from Monkton roundabout to its junction with Plumstone Road on or after 01 September 2008 for an estimated period of 2 weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via A299 and A28.

Highways -Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL LAKER ROAD, AYLESFORD (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Laker Road, Aylesford between its junction with Maidstone Road and the Medway Council Border.

The Order will become effective on 18th August 2008, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last up to 6 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Lancaster Parker Road and Maidstone Road.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate the installation of triple road humps.

Highways - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (LUCKS LANE PADDOCK WOOD) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) (SUSPENSION OF ONE WAY ORDER) TEMPORARY ORDER 2008 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on Lucks Lane Paddock Wood, on or after 18th August 2008 for an estimated period of 2 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for eastbound traffic via Maidstone Road, Wagon Lane and Queens Street, and for westbound traffic vice versa.

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New Fiesta set to be new Model T?

By **STEVE LOADER**

IS THE latest Ford Fiesta poised to be the new Model T in terms of global influence?

Don't rule it out, despite the hype surrounding Ford's all-new supermini.

The 'Tin Lizzie' became a legend as the first mass-produced and affordable car and the Fiesta could become the first truly global car.

The omens are good because the first production 'T' rolled off the production line in 1908 and the latest Fiesta has arrived a century later.

It comes to the UK and Europe in a few weeks, priced from £8,695 – £155 less than its outgoing equivalent – and will be rolled out across the world by 2010.

The thinking behind this car has been described as 'One Ford': "A single, global company designing and building cars for a single, global customer base, not divided by regional or national borders."

The Fiesta is also arriving at a time when the whole world is focused on climate change



OLD FAVOURITE: The environmentally friendly Fiesta will sell with Ford's ECONetic sub-branding, a long way off the first models

and soaring fuel and raw materials prices, promoting universal interest in smaller, more efficient cars.

And while the Fiesta employs conventional technology, its new ultra-green ECONetic version (from £11,845) is creating great interest ahead of launch. This model can average well over 70+mpg and emit a road tax exempt 98gm/km of CO₂.

The new Fiesta is also designed to please visually too; Ford says style was at the top of the wish list whether customers were in Nanjing, Detroit or Cologne.

Appetites were whetted with the stunning Verve concept car – along with hopes that the name might also replace Fiesta – and Ford stressed that it wanted the five-door to retain the coupé-style lines of the three-door version rather than succumbing to a more 'practical' silhouette as adopted by rival designs.

Interestingly, Ford also chose to keep the car's on-road 'footprint' close to the size of the previous car, while also trimming around 40 kilos from its weight depending on powertrain and despite weight gained by new safety features and sound insulation.

This bucks the recent trend towards bigger superminis such as the latest Vauxhall Corsa, Renault Clio and Peugeot 207.

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Models shown Yaris TR 1.0 VVT-i 3 door manual £9,545, Auris TR 1.4 VVT-i 3 door manual £13,045, with £500 customer saving now £12,545, Verso SR 1.8 VVT-i 5 door manual £17,545, RAV4 XT-R 2.0 VVT-i 5 door manual £20,045. ^aMetallic paint £350 extra. ^bFinance offer available on Yaris TR, Auris TR, Verso SR, RAV4 XT-R when ordered, registered and financed through Toyota Financial Services, on a 3 year Hire Purchase Drive Plan with minimum customer deposit of 35%, between 1.07.08 and 30.09.08, at participating Centres. Terms and conditions apply. Other finance offers are available but cannot be used in conjunction with this offer. Indemnities may be required. Finance subject to status to over 18s only. Toyota Financial Services, Great Burgh, Burgh Heath, Epsom, Surrey, KT18 5UZ. Prices correct at time of going to press and includes VAT, delivery charge, number plates, one year's road fund licence and £55 first registration fee. Subject to availability. ^{^^}£1,175 Yaris TR customer saving includes £660 saving compared to Yaris T3 plus £515 additional specification of rear door chrome trim and 15-inch alloy wheels included with the TR model. £1,260 Auris TR customer saving includes £310 saving compared to Auris T3 1.4 VVT-i, plus £450 additional specification of rear door chrome trim, dual zone climate control air conditioning, 16" alloy wheels and exclusive blue trim included with the TR model, also including additional manufacturer £500 discount if ordered between 01.07.08 and 15.08.08 and registered before 30.09.08. Retail sales only. £1,275 Verso SR customer saving includes £310 saving compared to Verso T3 1.8 VVT-i plus £965 additional specification of rear spoiler, rear privacy glass and front & rear parking sensors, in-dash 6 CD autochanger and 16" alloy wheels included with the SR model. £1,615 RAV4 XT-R customer saving includes £360 saving compared to RAV4 XT4 2.0 manual without leather, plus £1255 additional specification of metallic paint, rear privacy glass, Bluetooth, cruise control, front under-run protector and rear parking sensors included with the XT-R model. ^cSee website for details. ^dVED from £170, CO2 emissions from 173 g/km relate to RAV4 XT-R 2.0 D-4D. Opening Hours: Thursday 14th 8.30am- 6pm, Friday 15th 8.30am- 7pm, Saturday 16th 8.30am- 6pm & Sunday 17th August 10am- 5pm

Yaris 1.0 VVT-i manual Official Fuel Consumption Figures in mpg (l/100km), Urban 44.1 (6.4), Extra Urban 57.6 (4.9), Combined 52.3 (5.4). CO₂ Emissions 127 g/km. Auris 1.4 VVT-i Official Fuel Consumption Figures in mpg (l/100km), Urban 32.5 (8.7), Extra Urban 47.9 (5.9), Combined 40.9 (6.9). CO₂ Emissions 163 g/km. Verso 1.8 VVT-i Official Fuel Consumption Figures in mpg (l/100km), Urban 28.5 (9.9), Extra Urban 43.5 (6.5), Combined 36.7 (7.7). CO₂ Emissions 184 g/km. RAV4 XT-R 2.0 VVT-i 5 door manual Official Fuel Consumption Figures in mpg (l/100km), Urban 25.7 (11.0), Extra Urban 39.2 (7.2), Combined 32.8 (8.6). CO₂ Emissions 202 g/km.

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**61.4
MPG**
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**60.1
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New Cayman gets look of 911 icon

PORSCHE has followed the success of its mid-range Cayman sports model with a new flagship – the Cayman S Sport.

Derived from the long-running mid-engine Boxster roadster in 2005, the Cayman proved so successful that some experts queried whether it threatened the German sporting marque's 'icon' – the legendary rear-engine 911.

As if to meet this challenge head-on, the new Cayman not only has 12bhp more power to call upon from its tuned 303bhp 3.4-litre flat-six, but

also looks like a 911 GT3 RS.

It comes in the familiar GT3 RS colours of orange or green and wears its model designation along its sides in black graphics, though other shades are available too.

The 'no-nonsense' look is further accentuated by black-painted alloys, exterior mirrors and air intakes, while Porsche Active Suspension Management (PASM) come as standard, lowering the car by 10 millimetres and boosting driver satisfaction.

The new Cayman is on sale from September 13, priced from £49,890.

BMW's most affordable croptop – the 1-Series Convertible – now has two leaner and greener options.

The newcomers are the 118d and 123d, priced from £23,660, with the former featuring BMW's most economical four-cylinder diesel engine ever; an engine that has won the title of World Green Car of the Year for the 1-Series hatchback equivalent – a car that recently completed a 14-country marathon across Europe, averaging 71.6mpg and 43.4mpg.

In the convertible, the 1,995cc turbodiesel produces 143bhp, a 0-62mph time of 9.5 seconds, plus a top speed of 129mph.

More importantly for image-savvy yet environmentally-conscious buyers, the car can also average nearly 60mpg and emits just 129g/km of CO₂ (tax band-C £120/yr) – lower than any competitor.

BMW's baby croptop goes even more eco



Cherokee returns to original form



JEEP revolutionised its UK image with the original Cherokee.

This rugged off-roader built on a high-riding estate car body was feted as 'a poor man's Range Rover', contrasting with the US brand's more traditional 'no holds barred' Wrangler line that also continues.

The latest Cherokee marks a return in style to that original car, while riding on a new suspension and steering system for better on-road manners.

Jeep's Chrysler Group parent insists that the new car is also moving upmarket with a leather interior, heated front seats with memory adjustment, climate control, electric windows and cruise control all as standard.

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New Mercedes coupé calls for double-take

TestDriving

by
STEVELOADER

MercedesCLC

LOOK once at the new Mercedes-Benz CLC and it is a muscular coupé based on the latest highly competent C-Class saloon.

Look twice and it is a warmed over Sports Coupé based on the previous C-Class, masquerading behind the grille and lines of the latest car.

And yet it feels like a new car.

Mercedes does not deny it has 'doctored' the old motor, but points out that only the roof and doors survive and more than 1,000 components are new, while the drive is a revelation; the car look less 'hairedresser' and handles more in keeping with its bolshier styling.

To overcome would-be buyers' understandable cynicism though, Mercedes has even created an online test drive www.CLCdreamtestdrive.com allowing people to thrash it through the virtual streets of London.

But while the CLC deserves a second look for its credibility, especially with the all-new rival BMW 1-Series Coupé as a trendy alter-



native, it rates even closer inspection for pricing – for less than £20,000, you can have a Merc coupé with all the brand cachet, without apologising for its looks or handling.

And this is a genuine four-seat coupé, as proved by Driving's trip to the Motor Show in London (see pages 58-59); yours truly transported a three-man Motors TV video crew plus cameras and other gear tucked beneath the rear hatch.

Apart from a few jokey 'Are we there yet dad?' wisecracks from the back there were no complaints. The little Merc coped with everything thrown at it in terms of comfort too, apart from the air con failing to cope with 'four-up' on a hot humid day.

Psychologically, the panoramic roof – part of a £1,400 extras package on our CLC 200CDI – was also a double-edged sword. It ward off claustrophobia for the lads in the back, but not

even its smoked/treated glass could persuade us that the sun was not frying us to a crisp – we completed the journey with sunroof and windows open.

Having proved the CLC could cope with a motorway commute fully laden, I later stretched it on country roads and discovered how much the old Sports Coupé's equally flabby ride quality and cornering had been sorted; this revised car copes well and even the relatively modest 122bhp of the test car – a 150bhp version of the same 2,148cc turbodiesel is the likely best-seller – made the car feel assured.

The CLC also seems well-built and standard kit is reasonable though not overly generous, probably to keep the CLC below that psychological £20,000 barrier, but the M-B marketing machine has been astute with the options packages and our car had the £1,050 five-speed auto 'box with steering wheel

DrivingStats

- Mercedes CLC 200CDI Sport Panorama £23,515
- Range: £19,920-27,240
- Garage stats: 4.45m by 1.73m three-door hatchback coupé
- Powertrain: 2,148cc/122bhp four-cylinder turbodiesel driving rear wheels through a four-speed auto gearbox
- Performance: top speed 126mph and 0-62mph in 11.1 seconds
- How green?: road tax band-F (£210/yr), CO2 emissions 188g/km
- Official fuel figures: combined 42.8mpg
- Euro NCAP safety rating (0-5 stars): n/a
- Fuel tank: 70 litres/15.4 gallons
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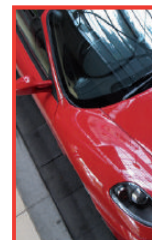
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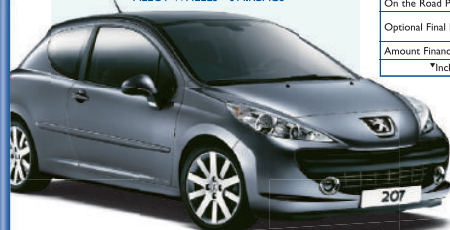
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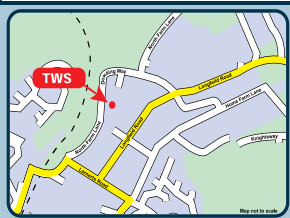
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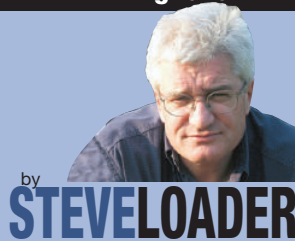
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DrivingReview



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Vauxhall Agila

ON the face of it, the Vauxhall Agila is a car that other people love to see a motoring writer drive.

It's payback time for the Jags, Beemers, Mercs and glamorous turbocharged nutter cars that we would all like to drive, but only lucky so-and-sos like me get to play with.

"Yeah, serves him right," they mutter as I dawdle off down the road in my high roof blue rinse wagon.

Well, this might sound like protesting too much, but I like the new Agila and all the more so for being a mongrel that turned out all right.

Fortunately, it is far removed from its predecessor, a re-badged Suzuki Wagon-R – one of several 1990s Japanese cars cobbled together from wrecked greenhouses and attached to cereal boxes with Meccano inside.

They were cheap, but hopped about so badly that the elderly types who bought them were actually the last people needing such seating and suspension discomfort.

And Vauxhall probably should have axed the Agila name in favour of something new for this replacement, as Suzuki has done with its own version of the same car – the Splash.

Then again, the new Agila is good enough to



New Agila makes payback time easy for motoring hacks

banish old nightmares and shows what different carmakers can bring to a party: Suzuki turned up with the excellent Swift supermini platform while Vauxhall's General Motors parent chipped in with experience of the 'monocab' or MPV market.

You can almost imagine Vauxhall designers who brought us the sector leading Zafira seven-seater and clever little Meriva insisting, "...and this time we are NOT putting our badge on

another bloody wrecked greenhouse..."

The cross-breeding worked; the new Agila is a five-door supermini MPV with a tall stance minus the ridiculous leaning and fidgety ride usually associated with lofty creations on short wheelbases.

Vauxhall is unlikely to create a sporting VXR version, but given the more powerful 1.2-litre petrol engine or the 1.3-litre diesel as tested here, the Agila is lively enough and

keeps composure on a winding road, though our car was helped by the optional £400 electronic stability programme (ESP).

The Agila has an edge over its Suzuki sister by also featuring a frugal three-cylinder 1.0-litre petrol option (from £7,595) that, along with the significantly dearer diesel (from £10,495), qualifies for the cheapest payable road tax band (£35/year).

However, this junior engine needs working



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sometimes, which the Agila's mini-concert hall of a cabin amplifies rather too well.

Then again, the car is marketed as 'Flex in the City' and the 1.0-litre fits the bill with all the versatility of previous Flex System Vauxhalls like the Zafira and Meriva plus the easy parking and economy required by an urban family.

While I can't quite see 'Chelsea and Tunbridge Wells tractor' owners deserting to the Agila in droves, it really is all the

car that townies need most of the time.

Yes, the boot is small like most MPVs, but fold one rear seat down and you have loads more space while retaining two seats in the back and excellent all-round head and leg room.

The dash layout and thoughtful stowage is up to the standards of Vauxhall's MPVs too and generous standard kit includes air con, but the car struggles for interior quality; the seats are a bit thin on support for long journeys and over-

all cabin ambience is more suited to the cheaper trim levels than the dearer flagship Design package of the test car. I also rate the 1.2-litre engine as the best all-rounder on price and refinement too, despite costing a little more to tax.

All in all though, I can hack payback time...honest.

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DrivingStats

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- Powertrain: 1,248cc/75PS (73bhp) four-cylinder turbodiesel driving front wheels through a five-speed manual gearbox
- Performance: top speed 103mph and 0-60mph in 13.9 seconds
- How green?: category-B (£35/year) road tax-120g/km CO2 emissions
- Official fuel figures: combined 62.8mpg
- Euro NCAP safety rating (0-5 stars): n/a
- Fuel tank: 45 litres/9.9gallons
- Insurance group: 4D
- Warranty: three years/60,000miles.
- Website: www.vauxhall.co.uk
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TACUMA, CDX Plus Auto, v55 zng, front fog lamps, roof rails, rear headrests, rear wash/wipe, remote central locking, alarm, electric windows, electric mirrors, centre armrest, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, air conditioning, cd player, radio, twin air bags, abs, power steering, cloth upholstery, alloy wheels, blue, 24300 miles, £3995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

CHRYSLER

NEON, Le Auto, ex51reu, central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, adjustable steering column, power steering, twin air bags, colour coded body, cd player, radio, air conditioning, electric mirrors, electric front windows, this vehicle is currently located at our barnhurst branch, for further details or to arrange a viewing please contact 01322 554 784, black, 34000 miles, £2695, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

PT CRUISER, anti-theft system, alarm, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, full leather, electric seats, heated seats, height adjustable seat, lumbar support, folding rear seats, rear armrest, rear headrests, metallic paintwork, colour coded body, multiple airbags, abs, power steering, automatic electric windows, electric mirrors, power hood, air conditioning, cruise control, cd player, alloys, aluminium silver, 1500 miles, £11995, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

PT CRUISER, anti-theft system, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, metallic paintwork, colour coded body, air bag, multiple airbags, adjustable steering column, power steering, electric front windows, air con, cd player, 15" alloys, aluminium silver, 6000 miles, £3495, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

CITROEN

BERLINGO MULTISPACE, 2003, 1.9d forte 5dr dsd est, blue, 25251 miles, £4945, Masters Citroen, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

C-CROSSER, 2.2 HDI Exclusive 5dr, 2007, 2.2 hdi exclusive 5dr diesel estate, purplish grey, 4000 miles, £19995, Masters Citroen, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

C-CROSSER, 2.2 HDI Exclusive 5dr, 2007, 2.2 hdi exclusive 5dr diesel estate, blue, 100 miles, £21495, Wilmoth's Folestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

C1, 1.0i Rhythm 5dr, 1.0i rhythm 5dr hatch, gallium grey, 1000 miles, £7995, Masters Citroen, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

C2, 1.6i 16v VTS 3dr, 2007, 1.6i 16v 3dr hatch, black, 10898 miles, £7995, Wilmoth's Folestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

C3, 1.1i 1.5dr, 2003, 1.1i 1.5dr hatch, 1000 miles, £3695, Wilmoth's Folestone, 01233 840100 (TRADE)

C3, 1.4i Code 2dr, 2007, -1, silver, 1000 miles, £8495, Wilmoth's Folestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

C4 PICASSO, 2008, 2.0hdi 16v 1tr v5dr 5dr g5s [5 seat] diesel estate, red, 2400 miles, £16995, Barretts Citroen, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

C5, 2.0 HDI 16v Exclusive 5dr Auto, 2008, 2.0 hdi 16v exclusive 5dr auto diesel hatch, grey, 100 miles, £16995, Barretts Citroen, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

C8, 2.0 HDI 16v SX 5dr [136], 2007, 2.0 hdi 16v sx 5dr [136] diesel estate, grey, 1000 miles, £15495, Wilmoth's Folestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

DISPATCH, 1000 1.6 HDI 90 H1 Van, 2007, 1000 1.6 hdi 90 h1 van 11 diesel, white, 9600 miles, £9995, Barretts Citroen, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

DISPATCH, 2.0 HDI Enterprise Van 900kg, 2005, 2.0 hdi enterprise van 900kg diesel, silver, 42185 miles, £7995, Barretts Citroen, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

NEMO, 1.4 HDI X, 2008, 1.4 hdi x 16v, white, 1000 miles, £2995, Masters Citroen, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

PLURIEL, Cote d'Azur, g08wvj, alloy wheels, anti-lock brakes, drivers airbag, power steering, remote central locking, side airbags, split/folding rear seats, trip computer, silver, 10 miles, £10495, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

RELAY, 1800 LWB H-Roof (LEZ COMP), wn55hh, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, ply-lined abs, side door, barn doors, low floor, high roof, dual passenger seat, adjustable steering column, power steering, air bag, metallic paintwork, electric mirrors, electric windows, cd player, aluminium silver, 35000 miles, £6250, Clearways Commercial, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

RELAY, 1800 LWB H-Roof (LEZ COMP), wn55hh, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, ply-lined abs, side door, barn doors, low floor, high roof, dual passenger seat, adjustable steering column, power steering, air bag, metallic paintwork, electric mirrors, electric windows, cd player, aluminium silver, 35000 miles, £6250, Clearways Commercial, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

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RELAY, 1800 LWB H-Roof (LEZ COMP), wn55hh, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, ply-lined abs, side door, barn doors, low floor, high roof, dual passenger seat, adjustable steering column, power steering, air bag, metallic paintwork, electric mirrors, electric windows, cd player, aluminium silver, 35000 miles, £6250, Clearways Commercial, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

DAEWOO

DAEWOO NUBIRA, 4 door saloon, 06 2000, 1.6i se mt July 08, 0 miles, £500, Beaver Commercial, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

KALOS, 1.4 SX, 2004, blue metallic, 49000 miles, £3495, Morris Forshaw, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

LACETTI, 1.4 SE, 24578, abs, air bag, immobiliser, central locking, remote central locking, power steering, electric windows, rear headrests, head restraints, 1.4 se 5 doors, manual, hatchback, petrol, 11, 631 miles, white, abs, adjustable seats, central locking, driver airbag, electric windows, head restraints, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests, insurance group 5, "this vehicle can be viewed at our st leonards branch 01424 431178" £3, 995, white, £3995, Saunders Abbott, 020 8300 2450 (TRADE)

TACUMA, CDX 1998cc 5 door, 2002, abs, metal paint conditioning alloy wheels, remote central locking alarm driver's airbag multiple airbags power steering immobiliser electric windows, met blue, 85000 miles, £2495, Northdown Road Motor Company, 01843 290890 (TRADE)

DAIHATSU
GRAND MOVE, v328zhj, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, power steering, metallic paintwork, electric front windows, radio, red, 45000 miles, £1999, Marshams, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

SIRION, SE 5dr, ex07vzf, alarm, central locking, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, power steering, electric front windows, aluminium silver, 14000 miles, £6995, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

HONDA

ACCORD, 1.3VTEC SE Executive Auto, 6184079, rear headrests, full leather, remote central locking, alarm, electric windows, electric mirrors, electric seats, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, cd player, radio, air conditioning, climate control, twin air bags, cruise control, electric sunroof, colour satnav, alloy wheels, silver, 47400 miles, £5495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

ACCORD, Type-V, y915 mxx, front fog lamps, remote central locking, alarm, full leather, electric seats, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, rear headrests, electric mirrors, electric windows, air conditioning, climate control, radio cassette, twin air bags, electric sunroof, abs, power steering, alloy wheels, green, 54600 miles, £4995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 2.2 i-Citi Type S 3dr, 1502649, honda civic 2.2 i-citi type s 3dr £15, 988.00, registration g08hww sale price £15, 988.00, registered 2008 mileage 4100 miles, transmission manual body style hatchback, fuel type diesel exterior orange, number of doors 3 interior, previous owners 0 interior trim, drake and fletcher provide a variety of warranty options. our sales teams will be happy to explain the options to you. orange, £15988, Drake and Fletcher Honda, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

CR-V - 2.0 i-Vtec SE 5dr Auto, 1527649, electric sunroof, honda cr-v 2.0 i-vtec se 5dr auto £18, 988.00, registration kn57tzc sale price £18, 988.00, registered 2007 mileage 1781 miles, transmission automatic body style estate, fuel type petrol exterior silver, number of doors 5 interior, previous owners 1 interior trim, silver, £18998, Drake and Fletcher Honda, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

CR-V - 2.0 i-Vtec SE 5dr Auto, 1527649, electric sunroof, honda cr-v 2.0 i-vtec se 5dr auto £18, 988.00, registration kn57tzc sale price £18, 988.00, registered 2007 mileage 1781 miles, transmission automatic body style estate, fuel type petrol exterior silver, number of doors 5 interior, previous owners 1 interior trim, silver, £18998, Drake and Fletcher Honda, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

CR-V - 2.0 i-Vtec SE 5dr Auto, 1527649, electric sunroof, honda cr-v 2.0 i-vtec se 5dr auto £18, 988.00, registration kn57tzc sale price £18, 988.00, registered 2007 mileage 1781 miles, transmission automatic body style estate, fuel type petrol exterior silver, number of doors 5 interior, previous owners 1 interior trim, silver, £18998, Drake and Fletcher Honda, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

CR-V - 2.0 i-Vtec SE 5dr Auto, 1527649, electric sunroof, honda cr-v 2.0 i-vtec se 5dr auto £18, 988.00, registration kn57tzc sale price £18, 988.00, registered 2007 mileage 1781 miles, transmission automatic body style estate, fuel type petrol exterior silver, number of doors 5 interior, previous owners 1 interior trim, silver, £18998, Drake and Fletcher Honda, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

FR-V - 1.8 i-Vtec EX 5dr, 1503649, honda fr-v 1.8 i-vtec ex 5dr £15, 989.00, registration g57wvj sale price £15, 989.00, registered 2007 mileage 200 miles, transmission manual body style estate, fuel type petrol exterior silver, number of doors 5 interior tan, previous owners 0 interior trim leather, drake and fletcher provide a variety of warranty options. our sales teams will be happy to explain the options to you. silver, £15989, Drake and Fletcher Honda, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

FR-V - 2.0 i-Vtec Sport 5dr, 1552649, honda fr-v 2.0 i-vtec sport 5dr £9, 995.00, registration pk05eyb sale price £9, 995.00, registered 2005 mileage 25500 miles, transmission manual body style estate, fuel type petrol exterior silver, number of doors 5 interior black, previous owners 2 interior trim cloth, drake and fletcher provide a variety of warranty options. our sales teams will be happy to explain the options to you. silver, £3995, Drake and Fletcher Honda, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

JAZZ - 1.4i 5dr SE, 1335649, honda jazz 1.4i se 5dr £4, 988.00, registration g52fmr sale price £4, 988.00, registered 2002 mileage 4194 miles, transmission manual body style hatchback, fuel type petrol exterior yellow, number of doors 5 interior, previous owners 1 interior trim, drake and fletcher provide a variety of warranty options. our sales teams will be happy to explain the options to you. yellow, £4988, Drake and Fletcher Honda, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

HYUNDAI

ACCENT, 1.6 CDX, 2004, green, 44000 miles, £3995, Morris Forshaw, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

ACCENT, CDX 5dr, gn04wrt, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, height adjustable seat, folding rear seats, rear wash/wipe, metallic paintwork, colour coded body, multiple airbags, abs, power steering, electric windows, parking sensor, air conditioning, cd player, alloy wheels, aluminium silver, 12000 miles, £5495, Automatically Ray Morris (Bexleyheath), 01322 524 680 (TRADE)

AMICA, 1.1 Cdx, 2006, aqua tint, 14000 miles, £3995, Morris Forshaw, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

AMICA, Atlantic 1.1, 2007, red, 3634 miles, £3495, Morris Forshaw, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

AMICA, 1.1 Cdx 5dr, 1346449, hyundai amica 1.1 cdx 5dr £5, 395.00, registration ek56mbw sale price £5, 395.00, registered 2006 mileage 6839 miles, transmission manual body style hatchback, fuel type petrol exterior silver, number of doors 5 interior grey, previous owners 2 interior trim cloth, there are a variety of warranty options which our sales team will be happy to explain to you. £5395, Drake and Fletcher Honda, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

COUPE, 2.0 Sili 3dr, 1307649, hyundai coupe 2.0 sili 3dr £13, 495.00, registration g57h7e sale price £13, 495.00, registered 2008 mileage 3000 miles, transmission manual body style hatchback, fuel type petrol exterior silver, number of doors 3 interior black, previous owners 1 interior trim leather, there are a variety of warranty options which our sales team will be happy to explain to you. demonstrator, car now reduced to £13495, silver, £13495, Drake and Fletcher Honda, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

COUPE, 2.0 Sili, 2007, various, 0 miles, £11995, Morris Forshaw, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

ELANTRA, 1.6 GSi 5dr Auto, gn51uva, abs, air conditioning, central locking, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, electric sunroof, foglights, front armrest, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, rear armrest, side airbags, radio/cd. first to see will buy showroom condition, silver, 40788 miles, £2995, SMC Mitsubishi Settlement, 01735 429802 (TRADE)

GETZ, Crd Gsi 1.5, 2005, black, 13997 miles, £4995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

GETZ, CDX 5dr, 4712314, anti-theft system, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, rear headrests, folding rear seats, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, colour coded body, abs, power steering, electric front windows, air conditioning, cd player, aluminium silver, 20000 miles, £7995, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

MATRIX, Gsi, g06jym, alarm, anti-theft system, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, height adjustable seat, rear headrests, roof rails, rear wash/wipe, metallic paintwork, twin air bags, air bag, abs, adjustable steering column, electric front windows, electric mirrors, cd player, aluminium silver, 10000 miles, £3995, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

SANTA FE, 2.7 V6, 2003, blue, 0 miles, £4495, Morris Forshaw, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

SANTA FE, 2.2 CRD CDX 7 Seater, 2007, gun metal metallic, 3000 miles

KIA

CARENS. Le 16v Cdi Auto, g105v, rear wash/wipe, roof rails, front fog lamps, remote central locking, alarm, full leather, electric windows, electric mirrors, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, air conditioning, cd player, radio, twin air bags, abs, power steering, centre armrest, silver, 24400 miles, £5995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

CARENS. 2.0 Cdi Ls 5dr [7 Seat], 1441649, Kia Carens 2.0 Cdi Ls [7 seat] £11,795.00, registration lb56ymo sale price £11,795.00, registered 2007 mileage 12829 miles, transmission manual body style estate, fuel type diesel exterior black, number of doors 5 interior, previous owners 1 interior trim, black, £11795, Drake and Fletcher Honda, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

CERATO. 1.6 Zapp 5dr, 1340649, Kia cerato 1.6 zapp 5dr £5,990.00, registration lc56dhv sale price £5,990.00, registered 2006 mileage 10705 miles, transmission manual body style hatchback, fuel type petrol exterior blue, number of doors 5 interior, previous owners 1 interior trim, blue, £5990, Drake and Fletcher Honda, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

MAGENTIS. Le 16v, eo54yon, anti-theft system, immobiliser, rear headrests, rear armrest, height adjustable seat, head restraints, power steering, abs, air bag, multiple airbags, metallic paintwork, electric front windows, electric mirrors, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, black, 25000 miles, £4995, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

MAGENTIS. Le, 1542649, metallic paintwork, Kia magentis le £3,795.00, registration g1339go sale price £3,795.00, registered 2003 mileage 25987 miles, transmission manual body style saloon, fuel type petrol exterior metallic blue, number of doors 4 interior, previous owners 2 interior trim, blue, £3795, Drake and Fletcher Honda, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

PICANTO. 1.1 3 Sdr, 1381649, immobiliser, alarm, central locking, power steering, air con, electric windows, cd, rear wash/wipe, front fog lamps, alloys, Kia picanto 1.1 3 Sdr £7,495.00, registration o88mvl sale price £7,495.00, registered 2008 mileage 150 miles, transmission manual body style hatchback, fuel type petrol exterior black, number of doors 5 interior, previous owners 1 interior trim, anti-lock brakes (abs), alarm, cd, central locking, electric windows, engine immobiliser, power steering, rear wash/wipe, warranty, front fog lamps, fog lamps, power steering, black, £7495, Drake and Fletcher Honda, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

PICANTO. 1.1 Lx 5dr, 1281649, Kia picanto 1.1 Lx 5dr £4,590.00, registration lb55hsv sale price £4,590.00, registered 2005 mileage 23000 miles, transmission manual body style hatchback, fuel type petrol exterior blue, number of doors 5 interior, previous owners 1 interior trim, blue, £4590, Drake and Fletcher Honda, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

RIO. 2004, abs air conditioning body coloured bumpers cloth seat trim drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front head restraints full size spare wheel height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser isofix child seat anchor points pas passenger airbag radio/cassette rear electric windows rear headrests rear wiper remote central locking steel wheels steering wheel rake adjustment, silver, 27666 miles, £3795, WJ King Vauxhall, 01322 227581 (TRADE)

SEDONA. 2002, silver, 57310 miles, £4995, WJ King Vauxhall, 01322 227581 (TRADE)

SORENTO. 2.5 CRDi XT 5dr Auto, gk07vno, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, alarm, climate control, cruise control, full leather, heated seats, electric seats, electric front windows, electric windows, cd player, satellite navigation, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, headlamp wash/wipe, parking sensor, privacy glass, remote central locking, central locking, immobiliser, centre armrest, head restraints, height adjustable seat, retractable headrests, folding rear seats, rear armrest, rear headrests, adjustable steering column, multi-function steering wheel, power steering, stability control, multiple airbags, curtain airbags, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, tow pack, roof rails, electric aerial, sunroof, electric sunroof, stereo, steering wheel audio controls, alloy wheels, silver, 11650 miles, £15999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

SPORTAGE. 2.0 Cdi Xs [138] 5dr, 1235849, Kia sportage 2.0 cdi xs [138] 5dr £11,995.00, registration j40bsoo sale price £11,995.00, registered 2006 mileage 13100 miles, transmission manual body style estate, fuel type diesel exterior blue, number of doors 5 interior, previous owners 1 interior trim, blue, £11995, Drake and Fletcher Honda, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

LAND ROVER

DEFENDER. 90 TDi Hardtop, 10789054, tow pack, radio cassette, immobiliser, alarm, power steering, cloth upholstery, 4x4, road tax for this vehicle is £185 per year, coniston green, 109000 miles, £7495, Diesel Centre, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

DEFENDER. 90 TD County Station Wagon, y207gk, air conditioning, abs, traction control, remote alarm, power steering, rear wash/wipe, side steps, sunroof, cd player, alloy wheels, 4x4, road tax on this vehicle is £210 per year, metallic blue, 41000 miles, £13995, Diesel Centre, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

DISCOVERY. TD5 GS Manual, 10860054, climate control, twin sunroofs, abs, side steps, traction control, remote alarm, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, adjustable steering column, power steering, twin air bags, front fog lamps, headlamp jetwash, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, roof rails, electric mirrors, electric windows, alloy wheels, 4x4, road tax is £210 per year on this vehicle, monte carlo blue, 74000 miles, £8995, Diesel Centre, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

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MITSUBISHI L200 ANIMAL. Black, all leather cab, 18" alloys, ultimate rear cab, load liner, towbar, roof rack, 1 owner, 30 plus mpg, FSH, 13,500 miles, £10,200 No VAT please call 01474 361021 or email edna-mick@talktalk.net (PRIVATE)

NISSAN

ALMERA. 1.4 S 5dr Man, w874ugh, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, metallic paintwork, colour coded body, rear wash/wipe, central locking, immobiliser, centre armrest, height adjustable seat, folding rear seats, rear armrest, rear headrests, adjustable steering column, multi-function steering wheel, abs, child locks, twin air bags, electric front windows, air conditioning, radio cassette, steering wheel audio controls, interstate blue, 23000 miles, £2999, Marshams, 01622 20100 (TRADE)

CABSTAR. S34.11 Drop-side (LEZCOMP), f007cnn, adjustable steering column, power steering, cloth upholstery, 2.5 CRDi, electric mirrors, electric windows, cd player, metallic paintwork, dual passenger seat, aluminium silver, 14000 miles, £11000, Clearways Commercial, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

KUBISTAR. SE DCI 70, k55xav, remote central locking, immobiliser, power steering, electric windows, electric mirrors, abs, air bag, metallic paintwork, cd player, ply-lined, aluminium silver, 45000 miles, £3795, Clearways Commercial, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

MICRA. 1.2 S 3dr, bi04wvx, side air bags, abs, air bag, twin air bags, electric front windows, cd player, rear wash/wipe, central locking, roof rails, electric aerial, sunroof, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, height adjustable seat, retractable headrests, rear headrests, folding rear seats, adjustable steering column, power steering, radio, stereo, 14" alloys, blade silver, 26052 miles, £3999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

SEAT

ALTEA. 2007, black magic, 7282 miles, £17795, WJ King Vauxhall, 01474 565656 (TRADE)

AROSA. S 3dr, g102hww, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, cd player, radio, black, 50000 miles, £2999, Marshams, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

IBIZA. 1.4 DAB 5dr, g16buek, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests, sports seats, insurance group-5, yellow, 8032 miles, £7494, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

LEON. 2.0 16V TDI FR 5dr, wg07lef, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, alarm, traction control, climate control, cruise control, electric front windows, electric windows, cd player, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, immobiliser, central locking, privacy glass, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, heated seats, height adjustable seat, lumbar support, retractable headrests, sports seats, folding rear seats, rear headrests, adjustable steering column, multi-function steering wheel, parking sensor, power steering, trip computer, multiple airbags, quick-clear screen, metallic paintwork, automatic electric windows, powered folding mirrors, radio, steering wheel audio controls, stereo, 17" alloys, black met, 9349 miles, £14299, AutoPlanet Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

TOLEDO. 2.0 TDi StyleLine 5dr, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, alarm, traction control, climate control, cruise control, electric front windows, electric windows, cd player, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, parking sensor, immobiliser, central locking, privacy glass, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, centre armrest, head restraints, height adjustable seat, retractable headrests, folding rear seats, adjustable steering column, multi-function steering wheel, power steering, trip computer, quick-clear screen, automatic electric windows, dual climate zones, stereo, steering wheel audio controls, radio, 17" alloys, reflex silver, 20734 miles, £3999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

VOLKSWAGEN

BEETLE. 8v 3dr, ex02 xjl, rear headrests, remote central locking, alarm, centre armrest, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, traction control, air conditioning, electric front windows, radio cassette, twin air bags, electric mirrors, abs, power steering, multi-disc cd player, cloth upholstery, alloy wheels, silver, 60700 miles, £4995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

CADDY. C20 2.0 SDI (LEZ COMP), 803182, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, adjustable steering column, power steering, ply-lined, side load door, radio cassette, abs, air bag, bulkhead, cd player, black, 29000 miles, £5795, Clearways Commercial, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

GOLF. 2.0 GT FSI 5dr, air con, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, alarm, traction control, climate control, electric front windows, electric windows, cd, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, height adjustable seat, lumbar support, power steering, trip computer, child locks, multiple airbags, quick-clear screen, automatic electric windows, dual climate zones, radio, stereo, 16" alloys, reflex silver, 57290 miles, £9290, AutoPlanet Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

LT. 35 109 bhp Ex-LWB Hi-Road (LEZ COMP), 2960182, cloth upholstery, ply-lined, bulkhead, barn doors, dual passenger seat, high roof, power steering, cd player, white, 39000 miles, £8250, Clearways Commercial, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

Lupo. E 3dr, g154uhl, power steering, metallic paintwork, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, aluminium silver, 27000 miles, £5495, Automatically Ray Morris (Bexleyheath), 01322 524 680 (TRADE)

POLo. S 5dr, y07px, central locking, immobiliser, power steering, abs, multiple airbags, electric front windows, electric mirrors, air conditioning, cd player, metallic paintwork, colour coded body, alloy wheels, comflor blue, 3000 miles, £3945, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

TRANSPORTER. remote central locking, cloth upholstery, adjustable steering column, power steering, abs, air bag, air con, radio cassette, dual passenger seat, barn doors, ply-lined, side load door, bulkhead, white, 40000 miles, £6745, Clearways Commercial, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

VOLVO

S60. S60 D5 SE, front fog lamps, remote central locking, alarm, full leather, electric seats, electric windows, electric mirrors, control, traction control, air con, climate control, cd, radio, trip computer, twin air bags, abs, power steering, auto-dip rearview, alloys, blue, 64900 miles, £5995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

V50. 1.8 S, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, colour coded interior, adjustable steering column, power steering, stability control, abs, child locks, multiple airbags, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, roof rails, electric mirrors, electric windows, climate control, dual climate zones, cd, radio, alloys, met blue, 74000 miles, £5990, AR Cars, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

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4. Piaggio
5. Kawasaki
6. Triumph
7. Harley-Davidson
8. BMW
9. Aprilia
10. Peugeot

Top sellers in July '08 by category

Adventure Sport	BMW R1200 GS
Custom	Jimland JL125-11
Naked	Yamaha YBR125
Scooter	Honda PES125
Sport Tourer	Triumph Sprint ST1050
Supersport	Yamaha YZF R125
Touring	Honda NT700V
Trail/Enduro	Honda XR125L

Soaring cost of motoring helps drive up bike sales by a fifth

by
STEVE LOADER

MOTORCYCLE registrations leapt 22 per cent in July, fuelling speculation that motoring costs are finally causing a much-hyped switch from four wheels to two.

The trade's Motor Cycle Industry Association (MCI) said 'powered two-wheeler' or PTW sales in July were 14,306 – an increase of 2,578 over the same month last year.

Total PTW registrations for the first seven months of the year are up one per cent at 87,551 – in stark contrast to the UK car market, which fell almost 13 per cent last month and is nearly 3 per cent down so far this year.

"Against the backdrop of the credit crunch, inflation and economic uncertainty, this has been an up and down year for the market," said the MCI's Craig Carey-Clinch.

"But there are signs people are switching to two wheels in order to make daily travel and commuting easier and cheaper.

"Dealers report very high interest from new customers in practical commuter-type bikes, and test centres are booked solid with people wanting to take bike tests ahead of the test changes due to take effect in October.

"The July figures are good and the industry is cautiously optimistic that people are looking seriously at two-wheeled alternatives to cars and public transport."

This view is supported by the fact that, while most types of bike saw gains last month, there is a clear trend emerging towards practical, multi-use and everyday bikes.

Scooter and moped sales increased by almost 27 per cent and 34.5 per cent respectively in July, while naked class motorcycles continued to perform strongly with a 46.5 per cent increase.

The adventure sport and custom sectors also showed strong gains, helped by the exploits of actors Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman in their real-life adventures Long Way Round and Long Way Down.

The only category to show a decline in the month was trail and enduro bikes with a 7.9 per cent fall.

The biggest selling bikes in July were two Yamaha 125cc models, the YZF R125 (338 units) and the YBR 125 (277 units), reflecting an increasing demand for smaller-engine machines for local commuting or as a substitute for a second car.

PTW registrations of bikes of up to 50cc increased by over 35 per cent and engines from 51cc to 125cc increased by almost 31 per cent. Bikes with engines from 651cc to 1,000cc increased by 40 per cent, driven by demand for adventure sport, custom and naked bikes.

Carey-Clinch added: "Time wasted in congestion, expensive and uncomfortable public



LONG WAY: Actor Charley Boorman's biking exploits with Ewan McGregor have boosted adventure sport bike sector

transport, high parking and congestion charges as well as the massive costs of car ownership coupled to rising costs of living make a moped, scooter or motorcycle increasingly attractive.

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Market comment: Dean Stoner, salesman, Tunbridge Wells Suzuki

WE are selling an awful lot of bikes to people fed up with higher fuel and road tax, who either used to ride or want to switch from a car to a bike.

The 650 Bandit is proving popular as a good commuter bike, with the 1250 model catering more for the experienced rider.

The big Hayabusa touring bike is also making a bit of comeback – it's a big machine for weaving in and out of traffic

for commuting, but it is comfortable. The naked version is also doing well.

Scooters, of course, are popular as people look to get on two wheels for the first time.

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Foundry offers bike test lifeline

by
STEVELOADER

HARLEY-DAVIDSON claims to be able to cut through the predicted chaos ahead of new motorcycle rider tests due in October.

The US brand is encouraging those wanting to learn to ride a motorbike, to take its Direct Access test via its dealers now before the laws change.

Mick Jones, manager at The Foundry Harley-Davidson in Canterbury, said: "Motorcycle tests are going to get more difficult in October with the practical examination featuring new manoeuvres, including the figure of eight and slalom.

"This new practical test will only take place at super test centres, of which there will be about 60 around the country, unlike the 200 or so now, which will mean longer waiting times and additional costs.

"We are encouraging those who want to get on two wheels to jump on board now and get booked in to do their tests this summer.

"We have our own Rider's Edge Academy of Motorcycling facility in Powys, where we offer a range of test packages and courses.

"However we also have contacts with local schools, so it is worth popping into The Foundry Harley-Davidson, Canterbury, to have a chat with one of the sales team."

The Riders Edge Academy offers a selection of basic and advanced courses and the Riders Edge instructors will tailor training to individual needs. The cost includes accommodation, meals, bike, fuel and gear.



QUALIFY: Take the test on the way to fulfilling the Harley-Davidson dream with models like this XR1200 Lifestyle



SUCCESS: Three months at the top for YZF-R125; Insurance aid for models like the Vale Scooter; Support act from YBR125

Yamaha claims sales hat-trick

YAMAHA has claimed the UK's best-selling bike slot for three months in a row with its 'learner legal' sports bike, the YZF-R125, a storming start for the model, which was launched in May.

The Japanese marque is doubly delighted its YBR125 is also selling well as a cost effective local transport/commuter machine.

Yamaha has also helped with its Free Subsidised insurance campaign covering the YBR125 and scooters like the Vale.

Market comment: Barry Keen, sales manager, EC Bate, Dartford

THERE are people being panicked to get on a bike ahead of the new licence system, but we've had this sort of scaremongering before and it generally sorts itself out.

There will be a bit of a bottleneck on taking tests though because the Driving Standards Agency hasn't really organised enough test sites yet.

On sales, we've had quite a few customers coming back, wanting to get onto two wheels again, plus a few newcomers talking about what it takes to get started.

The motivation is about saving money, maybe offloading one of the cars in the

family in favour of a bike. But a motorcycle is still a bit of an enthusiasts' buy and we have long-established buyers who keep coming back, introducing new generations.

The big sellers here are mid-range 650 bikes like the Bandit or Fazer. There are some great deals and we are currently doing immediate cashbacks on the Bandit – it works out at about £4,000 on the road.

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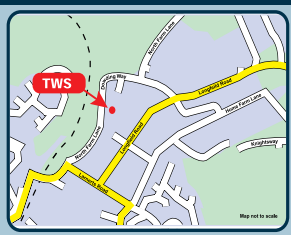
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Honda deals galore

HONDA is extending three of its most popular bike deals until the end of September and maintaining another keen package until December 31.

Customers can 'Get Naked' with one of ten popular naked Honda machines on 24-month zero per cent deals, including the CBF250 commuter bike, CB600F Hornet and Hornet ABS, CBF1000 range and CB1300A and CB1300SA.

'Whatever the Weather' gives VFR800 or VFR800 with ABS buyers receiving a colour-

by
STEVE LOADER

matched 45-litre top-box and pannier set, while buyers of a new NT700VA Deauville receive heated grips, in addition to the top-box and pannier set.

On the Supersport front Honda offers three low-rate finance deals through the 'Open Wide and Say RR' scheme for the CBR600RR – winner of the last six World Supersport crowns.

Certain Hondas also qualify for 'The Legend

of Zero', zero per cent finance scheme running until the end of the year, including the consistent UK top 10 selling CBR125R (pictured) and four of Honda's most popular scooters: the SH125i, SH300i, PS125i and ANF125i. The CBR follows the design of their sports bikes,

the CBR600RR and CBR1000RR Fireblade, but distils the formula down into a practical and user-friendly package for learners and commuters alike.

Junior GSX-R wins over the youngsters

SUZUKI has an all-new GSX-R in the 2008 line-up – the Kiddimoto GSX-R wooden child's bike.

Made almost entirely of birch ply, the new GSX-R is painted in the renowned Suzuki blue and white colour scheme and features the famous GSX-R logo down its side panels. Aimed at children aged 2-6, the junior GSX-R costs £99.



Market comment: Duncan Pearson – director, EC Bate, Dartford

WE need to make sure we don't get caught up in the hype about people turning to bikes in the current climate and there has probably been a bit of pre-registering to try to support the story, but there are no genuine

signs of more take-up. Adventure sport bikes are certainly moving, helped by the Long Way Round and Long Way Down films starring Charley Boorman and Ewan McGregor.



Team Rizla Suzuki Moto GP replica

SUZUKI has unveiled a new GSX-R1000 Team Rizla Suzuki Moto GP replica limited edition, with just 135 examples coming to UK dealers.

Available in the famous 'Rizla dutch blue' colour scheme, the new model features the full 2008 Grand Prix livery as well as the sought-after Yoshimura Evo exhaust cans, with a limited edition certificate, individually-numbered plaques and Chris Vermulen and Loris Capirossi rider graphics too.

Suzuki GB George Cheeseman said: "We are delighted to secure this limited quantity replica."

"Although the Rizla colour scheme is no stranger to UK riders, this is the very first time an official model has been available in this paint scheme, available with full-factory aftersales support and through authorised UK dealers."

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Big-money backing for recession busting duo

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TWO Kent-based economic downturn-busting firms have clinched funding packages worth a total of more than £2 million from banks.

Olympic Glass, a leading manufacturer of double-glazing at Queenborough, Sheppey, has sprinted ahead of the competition with the installation of a new glass toughening plant.

And Appliance Warehouse of Tunbridge Wells, one of the UK's major independent domestic appliance retailers, reckons it is now well positioned to manage what it calls "phenomenal" growth with a new and larger office in Essex.

It has been backed by a £1.6m package from NatWest Bank. And Olympic crossed the finishing line with a £800,000 package, also from NatWest as well as finance provider Lombard, both part of the Royal Bank of Scotland Group.

Phil Allan, media manager for RBS UK corporate banking, said: "When I visited Olympic Glass I found the plant is very impressive, at 60 metres in length. The cooling fans required the construction of their own room – the fans are each nearly two metres high."

The firm was formed in 1992 by Gary Jenkins, who had been in the trade since leaving school, and since then the company has steadily expanded its automated machinery to provide a widening range of glazed glass for homes and offices.

Toughened glass, also known as safety glass, is a popular choice because when broken it fractures into small pieces with no sharp edges.

This is achieved by heating the glass to 650°C and cooling it rapidly – a process that until now Olympic has had to contract out. When Mr Jenkins saw the chance to buy his own plant for



IN THE ROUND: Steve Debege and Richard Stevens with Robyn Goodman of RBS

the process, he approached Matt Morgan at NatWest, and then Simone Veness at Lombard.

Mr Jenkins said: "Glazing as a product is something that continues to experience sustained growth. In the past 16 years, we have been able to capitalise on this fact and place ourselves as a market leader. I have firm growth aspirations for Olympic."

Appliance Warehouse was formed six years ago and is run by directors Simon Metson, Steve Debege and Richard Stevens, who together have spent more than 70 years of experience in the industry. The company is part of the RSL Enterprises group and includes the Respond servicing brand and Trade Grade.

It operates under licence for Electrolux and Beko, and its fleet of 80 vehicles extends across the South East and London. Since the formation of the first company Respond Services, in 2001, there has been considerable expansion of the group. Its Essex office was too small and a larger office was essential to cater for its growth, with



IN THE FRAME: Matt Morgan of RBS with Gary Jenkins of Olympic Glass

staff now topping 100. In the meantime, View, the online city guide company, has expanded and relocated its head office back to Folkestone from Ashford. From humble beginnings above a bar in Sandgate, the company has grown steadily over the last eight years from a staff of three to more than 30, with offices in Folkestone and London.

Its city guides span the country, with 20 sites launched in the past month alone, and its expansion plan include guides to Manchester, Cardiff, Belfast and Edinburgh.

Josh De Haan, managing director, son of Saga billionaire Roger, said: "Folkestone is ideally placed with the fast rail link to London and is seeing a renewed vigour on the back of redevelopment and investment in the creative quarter."

"Historically, we found it difficult to recruit the calibre of staff with the experience needed to drive the business forward, but this is becoming easier as Folkestone develops. Culturally, it has so much to offer, making it an attractive place to relocate."

Going, going, gone as HR GO sells off consultancy

ASHFORD-BASED national recruitment and human resource facilities group, HR GO plc, has sold one of its first joint venture companies, Human Engineering, to an international conglomerate for an undisclosed sum.

Human Engineering is one of the world's leading independent human factors and ergonomics consultancies, with offices throughout the UK and Australia and more than 60 experienced staff.

Financial support from HR GO helped set up Human Engineering in 1995, and it was one of the firm's first joint venture (JV) companies.

Jack Parkinson, chairman of HR GO, said: "My ambition in life is to reward as many JV partners as I can."

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CHATHAM-based Kent Reliance, which claims to be the UK's fastest growing building society and the only one to have an offshore operation in India, has revealed that it has secured a link with the nation's first true Sharia prepaid card.

Its Bangalore-based subsidiary, Easiprocess, will provide a call centre service to Cordoba Gold, which has just launched the MasterCard Gold card – available to non-Muslims as well as Muslims.

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The call centre service will initially be offered in Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu and English.

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It is claimed to be one of the cheapest ways

You don't have to be Muslim to use first Sharia card

to share money abroad, and a good way to build your credit rating, and, as a MasterCard, it is accepted at 27.3 million sites globally, including 1.9 million ATMs and other locations where cash can be obtained.

Sharia is the framework that governs, among other things, a Muslim's economic and social life, dictating how believers should conduct themselves. It forbids certain activities and transactions, such as those involving the

taking and charging of interest, alcohol and pork-related products, but also armaments, gambling, pornography and other activities which are deemed socially harmful.

Ahmed Suleiman, chief executive officer of Cordoba, said: "Consumers are tired of hidden charges, high penalty charges, high interest rates and unclear small print. This card is an attractive alternative, providing a convenient and safe payment method that is ideal for

everyone. It is the first Sharia product that has been specifically developed to address the real needs of millions of Muslims in Britain, rather than wholesale Islamic funds geared for governments, institutions and other investors."

However, there is a £3 charge per ATM transaction. The card costs £9.95, with a free second card supplied, and a £4.95 monthly fee payable if the customer has a balance.



MADE IT: The three British cyclists, Simon Baxter, Darren Schlosser and Marcus Lilly, at the Ardo HQ in Belgium

Entente cordiale takes low road to Flanders

IT'S the real spirit of the entente cordiale. When an invitation to visit head office in Belgium was issued to Kent workers, they got on their bikes and went via their firm's French factory.

The intrepid trio from Ardo, one of Europe's most successful producers of frozen vegetables, fruit, pasta and rice, set out from the firm's offices at Charing for a bike ride of nearly 200 miles, pedalling their way to Ardo's

HQ in Ardoie, Belgium, via the French factory at Violaines.

The trio – marketing director Simon Baxter, technical director Darren Schlosser and dry store expert Marcus Lilly – were joined by colleague Sue Moreton for the 33-mile first leg to Dover.

On the other side of the Channel the three men – aided by another colleague, Emma James, driving a support vehicle – covered 75 miles to

meet their French counterparts at Bethune, near Violaines. The French and English met their Belgium workmates at Ardoie, some 75 miles from Bethune, followed by a sightseeing tour of the Flanders countryside. Mr Baxter said: "It was a great way to bring people from the three sites together and we're planning to do something similar next year."

"Everyone was very welcoming and we enjoyed great hospitality."

Maintaining skill base is key strategy in downturn

RETAINING skilled employees is a key strategy for businesses in an economic downturn.

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Losing patience and customers

SOUTH East businesses operating call centres could be sitting on a demographic time-bomb that threatens their future – young people vote with their feet if they don't get satisfaction about a query over the phone.

While people in the region have higher expectations of call centre staff than the rest of the UK – about a half say they are frustrated by agents uninterested in or incapable of helping compared with the national average of 37 per cent – youngsters are tougher.

New research by GfK NOP Consumer shows that about half of 25 to 44-year-olds change brands or suppliers if they don't get the right help, against 35 per cent nationally.

And South East residents don't like waiting on hold. Sixty-two per cent put speedy call answering top of their call centre wish list, compared with 57 per cent in the UK as a whole.

The region's consumers are among the high-

est users of call centres in the UK – 63 per cent have used a call centre in the last 12 months compared with 57 per cent nationally.

But 69 per cent said a negative call centre experience would make them less likely to purchase from a company or use an organisation – the same proportion as nationally.

Half said they are more likely to purchase from a company if they had a positive call centre experience. Two out of three said a negative call centre experience would make them less loyal to a brand.

Surprisingly, only three out of five found long phone queues or long periods on hold highly frustrating and, amazingly, only 43 per cent get annoyed about having to repeat themselves to several people, compared with 42 per cent nationally.

To raise standards, the top 50 call centres for customer service are being identified. Seventeen call centres in the South East have been chosen, including Eurostar, Holiday Extras, P&O Ferries and Kent County Council.

The initiative, led by Call Centre Focus magazine, aims to carry out 20,000 mystery shopping calls over the summer.



Mabel's green approach

GRAVESEND businesswoman Mabel Worburton, pictured, has opened a new service in the town which offers customers a green alternative to throwing out used printer cartridges by recycling them.

To mark the opening of the service at her store in Parrock Street, a road-going replica of the Cartridge World Carbon Zero racing car was outside St George's Mall, coinciding with the Gravesend regatta.

Ms Worburton says: "When your petrol tank is empty, you refill it.

"Why not do the same with printer cartridges? The alternative is sending it to landfill where it can take up to 450 years to decompose."

She has worked extensively in the hospitality industry in Atlanta, Georgia, and

more recently in Brighton. At her store she also sells packaging and operates a DHL service point initiative. She also offers a wide choice of printing supplies including a full range of original and compatible cartridges, printers and speciality papers. Local businesses will get a free delivery and collection service.

Ms Worburton said: "Not only do I hope to grow the business, but we are already making plans to provide our first apprenticeship.

"We will also be providing collection schemes for local schools, and in return for used cartridges we will be able to make donations to school funds."

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FARMERS have usually been good neighbours, but the idea of a co-operative to help them share resources has emerged relatively recently.

This is partly due to better communications, but the so-called ring network in the UK is also driven by uncertainties about the future of agriculture.

In the late 1980s, farmers were setting up self-help organisations that are

Ring of confidence

today called machinery rings. Farmers are still helping each other, but now this is done commercially, with payments instead of favours.

The non-profit group Ring of Agricultural Machinery Sussex and Kent

(Ramsak) covers Kent, East and West Sussex, and eastern Surrey, and offers a rural network for landowners, farmers, self-employed service providers and contractors. Although the core business is centred around improved

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Holiday let solution to taxing issue

READERS will recall our editions of May 18, June 22 and July 20 when we highlighted Julian from the City, who bought some arable land.

He paid a record £10,000 an acre, pipping to the post neighbouring farmer George. Then Julian asked George – both clients of Tunbridge Wells solicitors Cripps Harries Hall – to run the farm as a contractor. Here is the latest update.

Having bought his farm at the top of the market last spring, Julian is keen to ensure his plan to hand it on to his children free of inheritance tax (IHT) will succeed.

Discussing the two farm cottages with Cripps, he was concerned to learn that as both were occupied by non-agricultural tenants under assured shorthold tenancies, IHT at 40 per cent would be payable on them on his death. Each being worth £300,000, that meant a tax bill of £240,000.

What could he do, as he wanted to keep them and had planned to end the tenancies, furnish the cottages and offer them at premium rates as accommodation for the guests on his commercial let shooting days as part

of the package? He was advised that if he furnished the cottages, put them in the hands of a specialist holiday lettings agent for the months from April and October, and if he (or as it turned out the daughter of his farm contractor George) provided a 'meet and greet' service to holidaymakers, a fridge full of basic necessities and a cleaning and laundry service, then he should be regarded as carrying on a furnished holiday letting business.

In consequence, the cottages should qualify for 100 per cent IHT relief as business property rather than agricultural property.

Julian was delighted, as this fitted with his plans for the shoot days. He also wondered whether his parents' buy-to-let in Rye might qualify if they did the same.

Cripps advised it could, provided it was available for letting for at least 140 days in the year and actually let to third parties for at least 70 days.

It would be essential that his parents or their agent provided the 'meet and greet' and other services to make the business as akin to a small hotel as possible. Getting an English Tourist Board rating is helpful.

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BLOOMS THAT BRIGHTEN OUR DAY

Pat Crawford reports.

Flowers are probably enjoying their greatest popularity ever – once exclusive to Christmas, birthdays and special occasions such as weddings or as tributes at funerals, they are now bought on a regular weekly basis. Popped into the supermarket shopping trolley, bought at a small shop – or purchased from one of the very grand florists that enjoy an international reputation – they are sold in their millions every single week.

When ladies attended finishing school, or were taught 'ladylike' skills and social graces at home, 'flower arranging' was an important part of what they learned. The TV series 'Ladettes to Ladies' featured the girls receiving instruction in the art. Flower arranging – and flower arrangements – add atmosphere in many of TV's costume dramas. Flowers featured big-time in London Fashion Week. Flowers brighten reception areas in the big corporations through to small one-man businesses. Flowers are everywhere.

A recent study undertaken in the States indicated that the presence of a simple vase of flowers in the workplace could increase productivity and creative thought by some 16%. A similar study showed that overall performance got better with an especially significant improvement in problem-solving skills. Whether or not this will result in all the bosses placing orders with local florists is a moot point – but what is in little doubt is the ability of flowers to generate a feeling of wellbeing that increases our motivation and inspires us to greater effort.

Increased demand for flowers is extending opportunities to forge a career in the floristry industry. Although people of all ages and from every type of background train to be florists, the industry is particularly attractive to women returning to work after a period at home looking after the family. It's sometimes possible to obtain 'on the job' training but in general opportunities are greater for those who obtain industry qualifications.

Hadlow College offers a wide range of courses leading to City and Guilds Levels 2, 3 and 4 in

floristry. As an example, the National Certificate in Floristry (Level 2) develops practical design skills with emphasis on the fundamental principles of floristry and retailing. Although the majority of students proceed to a level 3 qualification, a variety of employment options are open to those who leave after achieving level 2.

Quite a few of those who elect to study floristry aim to set up their own business after they have completed appropriate training and acquired industry experience. Level 3 City and Guilds includes marketing, promotion, retailing and other skills that will be essential to them. Students wishing to extend their professional qualifications even further can then proceed to the course leading to the Higher Diploma in Floristry.

Career options include horticultural buyer for a big supermarket or similar enterprise, demonstrator, lecturer, professional florist specialising in particular events such as corporate hospitality or weddings – as well as a range of options in the retail sector.

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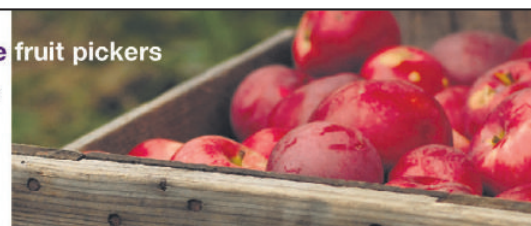
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Offices close at record rate, study finds

GROWING fears over the stability of the economy and the need to cut costs could be forcing what is believed to be a record 10,000 small businesses a month in the South East to shut their offices.

According to a study conducted by O2, a mobile phone and broadband provider, in the last eight months more than one in 10 – 13 per cent – of businesses have chosen not to renew a lease on an office or business premises and are working remotely and from home.

In fact, estimates suggest that more than 85,000 small businesses in the area have quit their offices since the onset of the credit crunch last autumn. Research also found that almost two thirds – 60 per cent – of those still working from a dedicated business premises are considering giving it up within the year.

The need to reduce costs was cited by 62 per cent of the businesses questioned as the greatest reason behind the move. Credit crunch fears and the threat of possible recession were also revealed as making small businesses reluctant to commit to new fixed-term rental contracts.

In addition to saving on overheads, flexible working and advances in mobile technology

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have also been identified as key reasons behind the growing numbers of small businesses choosing to give up fixed business premises.

Nearly a quarter – 24 per cent – of those questioned revealed they now spend up to 50 per cent of their time away from the office, and over half – 57 per cent – said that new technologies such as wireless internet and mobile broadband had influenced their decision not to have a fixed business premises.

A recent report from NB Real Estate revealed that vacant office space in some cities across the UK has nearly doubled compared with this time last year.

In a further indication of the declining need for office space, over half – 53 per cent – of small businesses revealed they now have a virtual network allowing them to work completely remotely.

Nearly 40 per cent expected to have a network installed in the next 12 months and revealed that faster remote access to email and business servers will see them spending significantly more time away from the desk.

Simon Devonshire, head of O2 small and

medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) marketing, said: "Developments in technology and mobile communications are enabling businesses to be flexible and respond very quickly to changes in the market place.

"Getting rid of the office relieves many small businesses of a major overhead very quickly and shows a rapid response to current economic pressures."

The lack of a fixed office premises was also identified as having little impact on the customer relationship. Eight out of 10 small businesses operating from home said customers were not concerned about their lack of an official office premises. In response to the increasing numbers of small businesses operating from home, O2 says it has launched an enhanced support service for small office broadband customers. The service provides technical support for small businesses operating from home, enabling them to book an IT engineer to visit their premises the next working day in the event of a technical problem.

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KENT'S community spirit is alive and flourishing in Mike Startup, pictured left, partner at Maidstone-based DSH Chartered Accountants and business advisors, who is celebrating 30 years with the firm.

Mike, 49, joined DSH as a teenage trainee accountant in August, 1978, and has worked his way up through the firm, becoming a partner before the age of 30. In addition to traditional accounting work, Mike is the firm's specialist in forensic accountancy. His expertise is regularly called on by courts when he is asked to act as an expert witness. He also specialises in working with medical practices.

Chartered accountant Mike, from Allington, is not only on the senior management team at DSH, but he also makes time to raise funds for the Rotary Club of Maidstone, sits on the Heart of Kent Hospice charity board as honorary treasurer and acts as the family taxi in the evenings and at weekends for his three children.

Mike helps with fund-raising for the annual Young Musician of the Year, stands out in all weathers with the Rotary charity Christmas car parking and is proud to be a part of the hospice team which has to raise £2.6m a year to keep going. He has also been known to raise a smile or two dodging the missiles while adjudicating at the annual custard pie throwing championships.

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WORK EXPERIENCE: Autojoy staff with pupil Anna Benson

A 15-YEAR-OLD Canterbury schoolgirl on work placement has helped a Herne Bay-based company get an important business development project off the ground.

Autojoy, which sells professional car cleaning products and supplies to car sales showrooms, car washes and valeting companies through its online webshop, wanted to diversify into other markets.

So it contacted Support4Business, Canterbury4Business's free mentoring scheme, for advice on the best way to take the business forward.

Mentor Danny Cooper helped identify a course of action, which included customer database analysis and development – but it had no one available to take on the project, so Support4Business contacted the student placement team at Kent Works.

The team identified a pupil at St Anselm's School in Canterbury who was looking for IT work experience – Anna Benson.

She said: "I wanted to do an IT project for my work placement as it's my favourite subject at school. I'm currently building a new database for Autojoy and transferring information from the original one."

Sales director Roger Cowley said: "Our database is crucial to the future success of Autojoy and Anna is helping us put down firm foundations for the future."

MORAG Bailey has become the new human resources manager at frozen food specialist Ardo UK, which has its headquarters in Charing.

She brings almost 20 years' experience to the new position, overseeing working practices, recruitment and employee development for the company, which has 180 staff.

A member of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development, Ms Bailey has joined from AXA PPP Healthcare. Her HR career, which began with Sainsbury's, has also taken in spells in local government plus the higher education and accountancy sectors.

Commenting on her appointment, she said: "It's an exciting because it's a new position and therefore one that will evolve. "Something that comes across very strongly is Ardo's commitment to its employees and the real sense that people are key to the business, which is ideal from a human resources perspective."

Ardo UK is part of the Belgian Ardo Group, Europe's largest supplier of frozen fruit and vegetables.

CHANNEL Chamber of Commerce has appointed Matt Lacey as its new membership officer.

He replaces Sezen Zeki, who has left to work for a chamber member L&D Logistics in Ashford.

Mr Lacey said: "My experience of working both with larger businesses and with setting up and running my own small business gives me a good idea of the many challenges that local businesses face today."

He joins an extended chamber team that works across Shepway and Thanet and brings with him a strong sales background gained from a sales and marketing role for a national health club and running a street promotions business.



WINNER: Lesley Lloyd with Roy Walker

MARGATE-based Beech Tree Total Care has won yet another award.

This time Lesley Lloyd, senior care co-ordinator, who has been employed by the care agency since 1997, has won South East Carer of the Year 2008, presented by Ceretas National Home Care Awards. It is sponsored by the Royal Bank of Scotland.

Mary Becket, the agency's registered manager, said Ms Lloyd was pivotal in helping to achieve an 'excellent' rating within the Commission for Social Care Inspection.

"Lesley also ensures that our quality monitoring cycle is always completed," she added.

The care agency team celebrated with Ms Lloyd at a gala dinner at the Marriott Hotel, Grosvenor Square, London, where she was announced as the winner. Celebrity presenter Roy Walker handed over the award.

A UNIVERSITY of Kent lecturer who has taken a hard-hitting stance against the Government over climate change has been named Environment Writer of the Year.

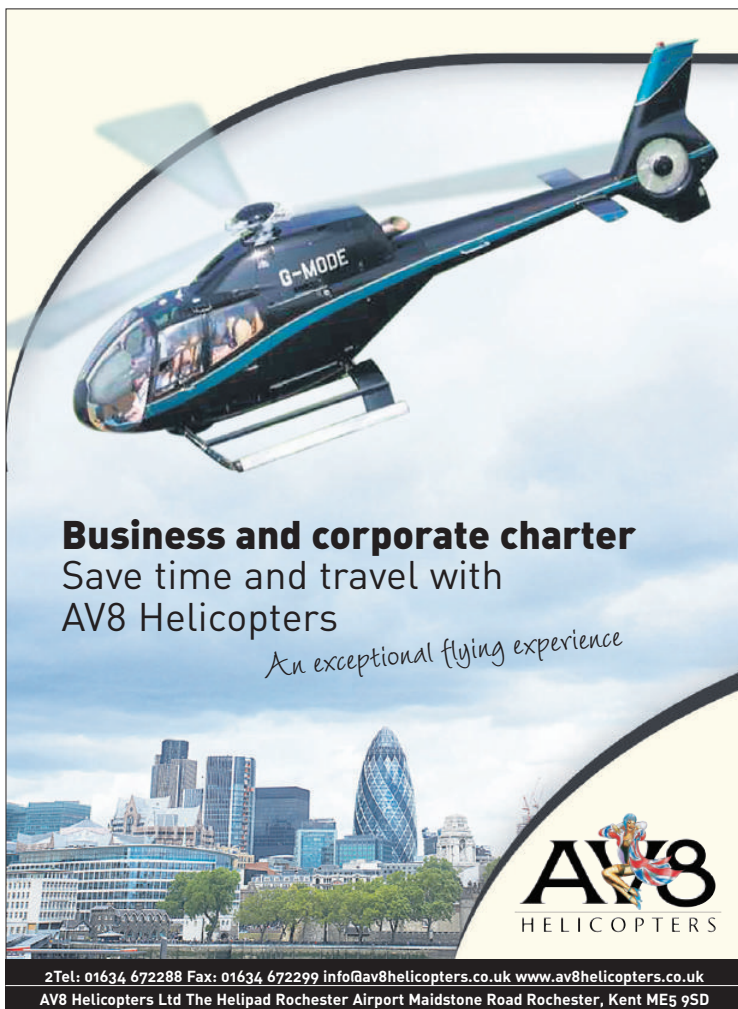
Sarah Lonsdale, who lectures in reporting and writing at the University's new Centre for Journalism, based at its Medway campus, was awarded the prestigious accolade for her 'Greenpiece' articles, a weekly column she has been writing for the Daily Telegraph for the past two-and-a-half years.

The column encourages readers to reduce their environmental impact – particularly carbon emissions – from all aspects of their daily lives. Topics range from reducing energy use to growing fruit and vegetables in allotments and gardens, and installing renewable energy systems in homes.

Tim Luckhurst, Professor of Journalism, said: "Sarah's excellence as a reporter makes her a brilliant and inspiring teacher for the new generation of multimedia journalists, who will begin learning the profession at our Medway campus from September."



SARAH LONSDALE



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Series leader Byrne walks away from horror spill

Shakey rattled by 150mph accident

By TOM HOWARD

SHANE 'Shakey' Byrne admitted he was lucky to escape unscathed from a 150mph crash at Knockhill but still managed to walk away from round eight of the British Superbike Championship extending his series lead.

The Sheppey rider lost control in wet conditions while leading at the Scottish circuit during the second race last Sunday. His accident stopped the race, handing victory to Honda's Leon Haslam.

Byrne was taken to the circuit's medical centre after the crash. The 32-year-old injured his back the day before and there were fears the smash had aggravated the problem.

But a thorough check-up revealed nothing worse than cuts and bruises and Byrne has vowed to return for the next round at Cadwell Park on August 25.

He told Kent on Sunday: "I feel like I have been run over by a truck really, a bit second-hand you could say.

"I believe I went down on someone else's oil that was on the track, so it was nothing to do with the wet conditions. One of the riders blew up at that point on the circuit [earlier in the race].

"As soon as I touched the brakes I was down and there was nothing I could do. When I initially went down I was travelling at 150mph so to come away without a broken leg is amazing."

Despite the accident, his first retirement of the season, a second place finish in race one coupled with his main title challenger Cal Crutchlow retiring saw Byrne increase his championship lead to 110 points.

With just eight races remaining the 32-year-



Photo: AIRWAVES DUCATI

CHANGE OF LUCK: Shane Byrne escaped serious injury in a 150mph horror crash at Knockhill in Scotland and still has a 110-point lead in the British Superbike Championship

old is focusing his attentions on being consistent to secure his second British Superbike title after cantering to the crown in 2003.

He said: "To be honest, I am not too disappointed as I have extended my championship lead. It was the first time this season that I thought about the championship. Once Cal Crutchlow went out of the first race I didn't risk things and settled for second.

"I have had my fair share of good luck this year by winning races and passing backmarkers at just the right time, so perhaps it is my

time to have a bit of bad luck."

The Airwaves Ducati rider is still unsure about his future in the championship and a possible move to the World Superbike Championship next season has been reported. He admits talks are ongoing, but is in no hurry to make a decision.

He said: "There is no news on my future yet. I have to wait and see what Airwaves Ducati are planning to do for next season. Once that is sorted then I will decide on my options and which championship I will be competing in."



HOPEFUL: Kent's Jon Fordham wants a change in the rules to prevent a repeat of Tuesday's problems

Dangerous gusts end St Lawrence action amid rule change call

KENT are hoping to bring about a change in the England and Wales Cricket Board's rules and regulations after high winds stopped play during Tuesday's game at Canterbury.

The Pro40 match against Leicestershire was the club's only day-night match of the season but gusts of more than 40 mph prevented the temporary floodlights from being used. As a result the umpires had no choice but to abandon the match once the light faded, just six overs into Leicestershire's reply.

Although strong winds had been forecast well ahead of the match, they were expected to drop in the evening in time for the floodlights to be used. Unfortunately, while overall conditions had calmed, occasional gusts exceeded the safe limits for the use of the temporary floodlights.

Fans were unhappy the game was not shortened or started early so it could be finished without the use of lights, but neither are permitted under current regulations. Jon Fordham, Kent's commercial

manager, issued a statement on the club's website which explained why they had no choice.

He said: "To be fair to the three umpires, both they and I had several conversations with Lord's with the aim of allowing the umpires discretion to reduce the overs to be played subject to the agreement of both captains.

"I have no doubts that had this discretion been available both Rob Key and Paul Nixon would have been quite happy to agree to this."

The club held talks with the ECB this week to change the regulations to cover such a scenario in the future, but the governing body were unavailable for comment.

Kent apologised for the problem and offered full refunds to fans. Supporters can claim back their money by sending their ticket, along with a stamped addressed envelope, to: The St Lawrence Ground, Old Dover Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 3NZ.



MIXED FEELINGS: Scott Wagstaff's full debut was marred by cup defeat

Carling Cup exit taints full debut

THERE was both delight and disappointment for a Maidstone-based youngster on Tuesday night as Charlton Athletic crashed out of the Carling Cup.

The Addicks were beaten 1-0 in the first round by lowly League One side Yeovil Town, which was the last thing Scott Wagstaff wanted to remember from his full debut.

The 18-year-old, who has graduated from the Addicks' academy, twice featured as a substitute at the end of last season. He then impressed throughout the club's summer campaign, finding the net against Kent non-league neighbours Ebbsfleet United and Gibraltar champions Lincoln.

But the skilful wideman, who signed a professional contract at the end of last season, struggled to make an impact against the Glovers in midweek and was substituted at half-time.

"Making my debut was amazing last season and starting my first match was the next step," said Wagstaff, who led the U18s to the quarter-finals of the FA Youth Cup in February.

"At the start of last season, I wouldn't have expected to play in the first team by the end, but I'm in the squad now and have to do my utmost to get in the team and help win promotion."

Daish still awaits first Fleet victory

AFTER taking one point from their first two games of the season, Ebbsfleet United will be looking to secure their first win when they take on Torquay United tomorrow night.

The reigning FA Trophy champions have made a slow start to the Blue Square Premier League season with a draw and defeat from their opening two games.

A late equaliser from Mansfield Town on the opening day last Saturday saw Fleet walk away with just a point after leading by two goals and dominating the game.

On Tuesday, Fleet rued missed chances against Rushden & Diamonds and were punished by losing 2-0 to Garry Hill's side.

Tomorrow's trip to Torquay will be the first meeting between the two sides since the Fleet's FA Trophy 1-0 triumph over the Gulls at Wembley in May.

Paul Buckle's side have been tipped for promotion this year and are unbeaten after a victory against Woking and a draw with Histon. For a full report on United's trip to Torquay, log on to www.kentnews.co.uk.



Photo: ADY KERRY

SLOW START: Fleet boss Liam Daish

Olympic round-up



Mel Clewlow

THE Canterbury defender has been an ever-present in her second Olympic appearance.

The British women's hockey team got off to a bad start as they were beaten 5-1 by defending champions Germany, but Clewlow scored what could be a crucial equaliser to seal a 2-2 draw with a strong Argentina side on Tuesday.

A 2-1 win against New Zealand kept their hopes of a semi-final place alive. Their group games finish on Monday against the USA.

Ashley Jackson

THE youngest member of the GB squad got his Olympic debut off to a great start with a goal in the side's 4-2 win over Pakistan on Monday.

Their hopes of reaching the semi-finals were dented as they conceded a late goal to lose 1-0 to rivals the Netherlands on Wednesday. The team will need wins against Canada today and Australia on Tuesday to keep their medal hopes alive.

Ellen Gandy

THE Bromley-born swimmer celebrated her 17th birthday while in Beijing and gave herself an early present by qualifying from the heats in the 200m butterfly. She finished seventh and had a nervous wait for the other heats to race but her time was 15th fastest overall.

Drawn in an outside lane for Wednesday's semi-final, the teen-ager finished eighth and was eliminated.

Lisa Dobriskey

THE 24-year-old went from outsider to dark horse for a medal in the 1500m by shattering her personal best just before flying out to China. The Commonwealth champion begins her campaign with the heats on Tuesday.

Competition is fierce and she will need to be on top form to qualify from Thursday's semi-final. If all goes to plan she will line up in the final next Saturday.

Montell Douglas

THE sprinter was a last minute addition to the 100m team after setting a new British record last month. Making today's semi-finals would be a decent performance and another personal best could see the Blackheath and Bromley Harrier make this afternoon's final.

Her best chance of a medal comes in the 4x 100m relay. The heats are held on Thursday, where the British team should qualify for Friday's final.

Jane Gregory

LOOKED to be on course for a medal in the dressage team event, with GB second after the first round. Unfortunately for the 49-year-old from Bromley the team slipped in the all-important second round, finishing sixth.

There was also disappointment in the individual event. Gregory was a promising 12th after the first round but faltered in round two on Thursday. She finished 31st overall, missing out on the cut for yesterday's final round.



Picture: ADY KERRY



Southall unhappy at going on loan

By DAVID PRITCHARD

GILLINGHAM manager Mark Stimson has made several players available for loan as he looks to lighten his wage bill to bring in two new players before the transfer window closes.

The Priestfield boss has set his hopes on bringing in a striker and left-sided player before the August 31 deadline, but admitted he could not do so without making room in the budget.

He said: "We are always looking to strengthen the squad, but you have to balance the books and that's what I have been trying to do. If we get a couple of players out it gives me an opportunity to go to the chairman and say 'look, we have got rid of A, B and C now can I go and get someone else in?' Once I can do that it gives me a better chance of getting someone."

Midfielder Stuart Thurgood is likely to leave the club on a permanent deal after beginning talks with two Conference clubs. Last week he was in negotiations to stay in League Two with Dagenham & Redbridge but they have since stalled.

Of the players made available for loan the highest profile is Nicky Southall, who with more than 300 appearances for the club across three different spells is by far the longest serving player in the current squad.



Picture: KEITH SLATER

UPSET: Fans' favourite Nicky Southall has been asked to go out on loan

Stimson admitted the 36-year-old had been unhappy with the request and admitted he was not sure whether the former Nottingham Forest player would accept.

He said: "He doesn't have to go, it's his decision and a player can refuse to go on loan. All I have said to Nicky, and he agrees, is he needs to play because unfortunately he's missed a lot of pre-season training and matches."

"He's not going to get the opportunity to play here [against Luton yesterday] from the start so if we can get him out it will be best for both parties. But it is up to Nicky Southall to decide what he wants to do, go and play or sit and watch."

Southall missed a significant part of pre-season through injury and a family bereavement. He started in the midweek Carling Cup defeat to Colchester but was withdrawn after an hour, prompting the decision to loan him out.

The other players made available for loan are all youngsters on the fringes of the squad who are likely to drop into non-league football to get some competitive matches under their belts.

Gills have entered their reserve side into league competition this season, but with only two games in the next month, Stimson is keen to give his fringe players more minutes on the pitch.

Charlie Howard, Rory Hill and Tayler Thomas are all available, while teenage striker Andy Pugh has already joined Folkestone Invicta for a month.

Staff finally bags his gold

TRACK cyclist Jamie Staff finally achieved his Olympic dream by helping Great Britain secure their third gold medal of the Beijing Games in the Team Sprint on Friday.

An Olympic medal was the only achievement which had eluded the 35-year-old cyclist from Ashford in a glittering career. The wait came to an end with a blistering run from the British trio of Staff, Chris Hoy and Jason Kenny, who blew away gold medal favourites France in the final by more than half a second.

The Great Britain team blitzed the three laps in the Laoshan Velodrome and finished with a time of 43.128, with Staff completing the lead leg in a new personal best of 17.136 seconds.

The trio had earlier cruised through qualifying, setting the fastest time a full six tenths of a second faster than nearest challengers France.

They knocked out USA in the next round to set up the final with rivals France, who beat them to win gold at the World Championships final in Manchester earlier this year.

The victory was redemption for Staff at the Olympics, four years after suffering the heartbreak of a fifth-place finish in Athens.

Staff only started track cycling in 2002 in search of an Olympic medal. He was a former BMX world champion, but with the sport not included in the Games he switched to the velo-



Picture: GETTY

SOLID GOLD: Jamie Staff (centre) celebrates winning the Team Sprint in Beijing on Friday

drome to compete in the Olympics.

He has been in the form of his life this season, setting a personal best lap of 17.2 seconds in the World Championships – a time he

eclipsed twice during Friday's competition in Beijing. The medal completes an illustrious set for Staff, who has already won national, Commonwealth and world titles.

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Barham focused on first Tour win

A MAIDEN victory on the European Tour is on the horizon according to golfer Ben Barham, who recorded his best ever finish earlier this month.

The Ashford-born professional secured a third place finish at the Russian Open, which moved the 33-year-old back into the all-important top 117 on the Order of Merit which guarantees exemption for next year's events.

With Irishman and fellow European Tour player Padraig Harrington winning back-to-back Open Championships and the USPGA title last week, Barham believes he can secure his first Tour victory.

He told Kent on Sunday: "I was delighted with third place at the Russian Open, although I was slightly disappointed I didn't win the competition."

"I played well all week, I didn't look at the leaderboards and just focused on playing my



ON COURSE: Benn Barham is getting increasingly closer to his maiden tour victory shots. If I keep putting myself in positions like that a victory will come soon.

"Harrington has come alive now. He has

moved to a different level by becoming back-to-back Open champion and winning a second major this season with the USPGA Championship.

"It just shows that if you keep focused on your goals then you will eventually get there."

Barham had his best ever finish of 89th in the Order of Merit rankings on the European Tour last year, earning 294,844 Euros.

With more than a quarter of the season remaining he is close to surpassing last year's earnings but is only 90th in the rankings. Barham believes it is because the Tour is becoming increasingly competitive.

He said: "I think the European Tour is getting tougher, there are more and more players trying to get on the tour now. I think there are about 150 players all trying to make it. You cannot rest on your laurels anymore as there are always players pushing you to perform."



WAR DANCE: The Maidstone players perform the Haka after being taught by former Auckland star Martin Stanley (below)

Youngsters get taste of training All Blacks-style

ASPIRING young rugby players honed their rugby skills the New Zealand way in an intense coaching scheme in Maidstone this week.

The New Zealand Rugby Experience is a coaching initiative led by former Auckland rugby player Martin Stanley. The scheme came to England for the first time after success in New Zealand, where it received the backing of national coach Graham Henry and legendary winger Jonah Lomu.

It caters for players between the ages of 13-17 and provides a taste of the New Zealand game in short, sharp training drills.

Maidstone Rugby under 15s squad took part in tackling, passing and attacking and defensive exercises to improve their basic skills ahead of the new season at Valley Park School.

Stanley comes from a famous rugby family in New Zealand, with brother Joe among the victorious 1987 World Cup winning national side.

Martin, who played at the highest level of club rugby, was impressed with the enthusiasm of the teenagers in England and believes perfecting the basic skills is the foundation for a good team.

He told Kent on Sunday: "It is definitely

By **TOM HOWARD**

important to target the youngsters early.

"Rugby is a simple game and I think sometimes we overcomplicate it. Even at the highest level players make mistakes, so it's important to get the basics right."

"If you break down the All Blacks' game it is a basic game, but it is done very well at speed and this is what we are trying to teach. If you do the basics well and at speed you are going to be a hard team to beat."

"I think our skills and drills are different. The drills are shorter and sharper. Sometimes the coaching sessions over here are too long."

The youngsters were also taught the cultural background of the Haka ceremonial dance, which has become a sporting icon by the All Blacks rugby team. At the end of the week the participants presented the dance to their parents.

Maidstone player Jason Smith enjoyed the training and is looking forward to testing out the ceremonial dance in games this year.

He said: "It has been really good and has definitely improved our overall game. Learning the Haka has been fantastic. We hope we will be able to use it in our matches next season."



Maidstone under-15 coach Paul Loneragan has been impressed with the coaching scheme and is interested in applying the methods to next season's campaign.

He said: "The thing that has struck me most of all is the intensity of the training drills. Of course they are bringing new skills and ideas, but the regime means the boys are physically and mentally tired by the end of the day."

To see the Maidstone under 15s put through their paces and perform the famous Haka log on to www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

DOBRISKEY'S OLYMPIC Diary

Middle distance runner Lisa Dobriskey is competing in the Olympic 1500m later this month. Throughout the Games the Ashford-born athlete will be sending regular updates from Team GB...



Saturday, August 9

I HAD my final big track session this morning and it went really well. The weather has picked up and it was 40 degrees and very humid, so perfect preparation.

We watched the opening ceremony last night and it was strange seeing everything start and being so far away. The hotel made a cake for those of us left behind, so we had a party of our own. It was so exciting knowing I'll be there soon. However, it's also nerve-wracking as it's coming round so fast.

I've been out into the centre of Macau this afternoon to try and stay in the heat and humidity and acclimatise.

It was nice to have a look around, as although I travel to lots of places to compete and train, I rarely see anything other than the hotel and track.

Sunday, August 10

I HAD a run this morning, which went well, although the heat was energy sapping. I have had physio and a massage this afternoon and the rest of the day has been spent relaxing. I've been reading and watching the Olympics on TV.

A lot of the team leave for Beijing tomorrow so I imagine things will start to feel a bit lonely.

Monday, August 11

IT'S been raining all day but it's still very humid so good for training. I had a run this morning and a grass session this evening. Both went well. I'm finding the air suffocating and it's difficult to breathe, but I hope to adapt in time.

It's been really inspiring watching the team do so well. I had a text message from Kelly Holmes this afternoon, it was so lovely of her to take the time to think of me! I can't believe it's four years since I watched her in Athens.

As a Kent girl Kelly's always been such an inspiration to me. I've read her book and have met her a few times and she's such a positive person.

Lisa x

• For up-to-date diary entries from Lisa, visit www.kentnews.co.uk, where you can leave her good luck messages.

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KELLY'S EYE IS ON OUR MEDAL CONTENDER

Golden girl gets behind Lisa



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By **TOM HOWARD**

DOUBLE Olympic champion Dame Kelly Holmes believes Lisa Dobriskey will contest the medal places in the Olympic 1500 metres final after the Kent athlete smashed her personal best on the eve of the Games.

The reigning Commonwealth champion from Ashford begins her quest for a medal on Tuesday when the heats commence in the Birds Nest Stadium.

The 24-year-old has been in the form of her life this season, winning the Great Britain Trials and the London Grand Prix last month. Before leaving for the Team GB holding camp in Macau, she shattered her personal best by eight seconds in a mixed race during training.

Holmes, who memorably won the 800m and 1500m in Athens four years ago, believes the performance has catapulted Dobriskey into a world-class athlete.

She told Kent on Sunday: "I went to see her at Crystal Palace in the London Grand Prix and she was immense that day in her performance to win the race."

"That day at

do well. After her season this year she should regard herself as a major contender."

The 38-year-old from Tonbridge won her two Olympic titles with a masterclass of even-paced running. She believes Lisa has the racing brain to succeed in the big races, which are often dominated by strategy.

Holmes said: "She really understands how races are run and has that awareness of when to push in the pack. Lisa won the gold at the Commonwealth Games, I was there when she did that and it was not a fast race."

"The fact is, in Olympic finals the races are not always very fast but are very tactical and Lisa has the head on her shoulders to deal with that and pick the right time."

Dobriskey's medal chances have increased after two Russian and three Romanian athletes were provisionally suspended by the International Association of Athletics Federations for alleged doping offences.

The Beijing Games are Dobriskey's first appearance at an Olympics and Holmes has warned the occasion can be over-

CONTENDER: Dame Kelly Holmes (above) believes Lisa Dobriskey (below) could follow in her footsteps and win a medal in the 1500 metres next weekend

whelming. She believes focusing on each round in turn is the key to be successful in the pressure-cooker environment.

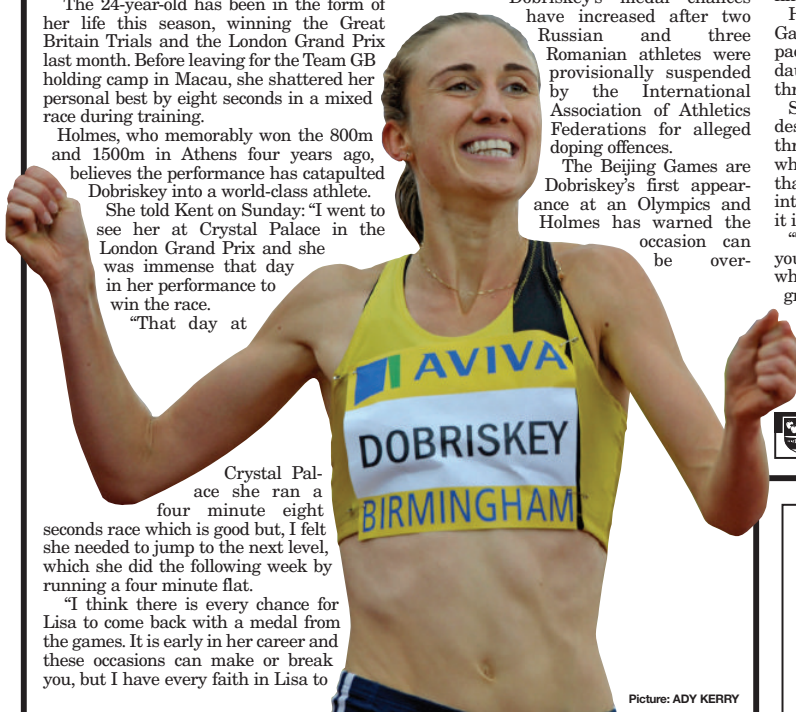
"The Olympics is another completely different competition and you have to treat it that way. Lisa will have to keep her feet on the ground, which can be very difficult to do at your first Games. I have seen Lisa and I think she has the head to deal with the occasion. I think she will be happy to make the final, but in finals anything can happen."

Holmes competed in three Olympic Games, so is familiar with competing in a packed Olympic arena. Although it will be daunting at first, she thinks Dobriskey will thrive in the atmosphere.

She added: "There are not enough words to describe the feeling Lisa will be going through. Firstly, the nerves will hit you, which is quite terrifying, but you have to put that to the back of your mind. Stepping out into the stadium with the crowd is amazing, it is one of the best experiences in athletics."

"Then there is pressure and expectation on you to perform as a potential medallist, which Lisa will have to deal with. It is a great experience which she will definitely learn from."

• To find out more about what Kelly is doing since retirement, log on to www.doublegold.co.uk.



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